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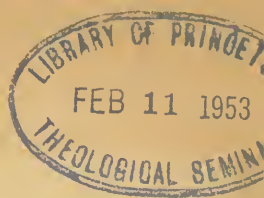
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The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ convened in its twenty-first quadrennial session, in the United Brethren Church at Hudson, Indiana, at 2:00 P. M., Thursday, May 18, 1893.

Bishop Milton Wright, D. D. presided.

The conference joined in singing "Savior More than Life to Me," after which the presiding bishop read a scripture lesson from Acts, twentieth chapter, and Bishop H. T. Barnaby, D. D. led in prayer. "Rock of ages" and "Blest be the Tie that Binds" were then sung.

Rev. C. L. Wood, of North Michigan Conference, the secretary of the last General Conference, called the roll. The following members of Conference responded to their names:

BISHOPS.

H. T. Barnaby, H. Floyd, H. J. Becker, M. Wright.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Anglaize—William Dillon, William Miller.
Arkansas Valley—J. H. McNew, C. B. Sherk.
California—P. Beck, J. McBride.
Central Illinois—A. B. Powell, A. Worman.
East Nebraska—S. Austin, W. Trace.
East Des Moines—H. H. Williams.
East Ohio—J. Noel, J. Excell.
Elkhorn—J. P. Cotton.
Erie—N. R. Luce, T. J. Butterfield.
Iowa—R. D. McCormack, S. W. Kern.
Indiana—J. Riley, J. M. Johnson.
Illinois—J. Stahl.
Kansas—E. Atkinson, J. W. Stewart.
Missouri—J. T. Allaman, A. W. Geeslin.
Michigan—B. Hamp, W. S. Titus.
Maryland—J. K. Nelson.
North Michigan—C. L. Wood, E. J. Moody.
Neosho—S. B. McGrew.
North Ohio—J. K. Alwood, C. H. Kiracofe, W. H. Clay.
Oregon—E. C. Wyatt, A. Bennett.
Ontario—C. W. Backus, D. B. Sherk.
Pennsylvania—B. G. Huber, J. M. Smiley.
Rock River—C. Bender.
St. Joseph—A. G. Johnson, C. Schlappi.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Scioto—J. Hoffhines, B. W. Mason.
Sandusky—D. O. Tussing, J. French.
Upper Wabash—S. S. Sims.
Wisconsin—W. H. Haskins.
Walla Walla—J. Kenoyer.
White River—J. M. Tharp, Z. McNew, W. A. Oler.
West Des Moines—J. E. Ham.
West Nebraska—J. J. Haskins.
West Kansas—J. S. Rock, W. H. Davis.

DELEGATES ABSENT.

East Des Moines—D. W. Baker.
Elkhorn—E. P. Mead.
Neosho—J. Wilkison.
Rock River—M. V. Crom.
South Missouri—G. W. Masters, S. Huff.
Wisconsin—J. Appleby.
Walla Walla—J. Black.
West Des Moines—H. Seimiller.

H. O. Kerns, alternate from Walla Walla conference, was seated as a delegate in place of J. Black, delegate elect, and J. J. Margilleth, alternate from the Rock River conference, in place of M. V. Crom.

C. L. Wood, of North Michigan conference, was, by ballot, elected Reading Secretary, and N. R. Luce, of Erie conference, Recording Secretary.

On motion of W. Dillon, the bar of the house was fixed at the sixth tier of seats from the front of the room.

W. Dillon moved that the Rules of Order adopted at the last General Conference be adopted for the government of this session.

C. H. Kiracofe moved as a substitute, That a committee be appointed on Rules of Order. Substitute carried.

W. H. Clay moved that the bishops appoint the usual committees. Carried.

Bishop Milton Wright, in behalf of the board of bishops, announced the committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Devotion—W. H. Clay, J. E. Bodine, A. W. Geeslin, J. Stahl, J. French.
On Rules of Order—C. H. Kiracofe, Z. McNew, E. C. Wyatt.
On Credentials—D. B. Sherk, J. Excell, S. B. McGrew, H. H. Williams, W. H. Haskins.
On Ways and Means—W. H. Clay, M. F. Keiter, N. D. Wolfard, C. Bender.
On Correspondence—C. L. Wood, N. R. Luce, J. Excell, J. M. Smiley, H. O. Kerns.
On State of the Church and Country—I. M. Tharp, J. M. Johnson, A. Worman, A. G. Johnson, J. McBride.
On Missions and Church Erection—C. H. Kiracofe, E. C. Wyatt, Wm. Dillon, S. S. Sims, J. Noel, J. W. Stewart, W. S. Titus.
On Education—W. H. Davis, C. H. Kiracofe, E. C. Wyatt, E. J. Moody, B. G. Huber, W. A. Oler.
On Publishing Interests—W. S. Titus, J. K. Nelson, I. M. Tharp, N. R. Luce, D. B. Sherk, J. W. Stewart, C. L. Wood.

On Incorporation of the Church—W. H. Clay, A. W. Geeslin, J. Kenoyer, S. W. Kern, A. G. Johnson, J. Hoffhines.

On Memorials and Petitions—J. French, J. Hoffhines, E. P. Mead, J. Excell, R. E. McCormack.

On Appeals—S. Austin, J. Appleby, H. H. Williams, S. B. McGrew, J. E. Ham, C. W. Backus.

On Superintendency—W. Miller, A. W. Geeslin, J. K. Alwood.

General Conference Picture—A. B. Lilly, J. E. Bodine, N. D. Wolfard.

REVISION COMMITTEES.

No. 1—Discipline, Chapter IV; pages 19-31—B. G. Huber, B. W. Mason, E. P. Mead, J. Riley, J. McBride.

No. 2—Discipline, Chapter V; pages 31-49—A. W. Geeslin, J. H. McNew, S. B. McGrew, H. O. Kerns, W. Trace.

No. 3—Discipline, Chapter VI; pages 49-69—Wm. Miller, H. O. Kerns, J. E. Ham, W. A. Oler, H. Seimiller.

No. 4—Discipline, Chapter VII and VIII; pages 69-82—A. Worman, P. Beck, T. J. Butterfield, C. B. Sherk, C. Schlappi.

No. 5—Discipline, Chapters IX, X, XI, XII; pages 82-91—J. M. Johnson, Wm. Dillon, J. Wilkison, R. D. McCormack, E. Atkinson.

No. 6—Discipline, Chapter XIII; pages 91-101—J. K. Alwood, E. C. Wyatt, J. J. Margileth, Z. McNew, G. W. Masters.

No. 7—Discipline, Chapters XIV, XV, XVI; pages 101-116—J. K. Nelson, W. A. Oler, E. J. Moody, J. P. Cotton, S. Huff.

No. 8—Discipline, Chapters XVII, XVIII; pages 116-125—W. Dillon, C. L. Wood, D. O. Tussing, W. S. Titus, C. H. Kiracofe.

No. 9—Discipline, Chapters XIX, XX; pages 125-138—A. Bennett, W. H. Clay, J. S. Rock, W. H. Davis, J. Appleby.

No. 10—Discipline, Chapter XXI; pages 136-155—Z. McNew, J. K. Nelson, J. M. Smiley, T. J. Butterfield, J. Noel, D. O. Tussing, Wm. Miller, W. B. Mason, J. K. Alwood, B. Hamp, E. J. Moody, J. Riley, C. Schlappi, S. S. Sims, A. B. Powell, C. Bender, J. Stahl, W. H. Haskins, S. W. Kern, D. W. Baker, J. T. Allaman, J. E. Ham, E. Atkinson, S. Huff, J. S. Rock, S. Austin, J. J. Haskins, J. Wilkison, J. H. McNew, J. P. Cotton, C. W. Backus, P. Beck, A. Bennett, J. Kenoyer.

No. 11—Discipline, Chapter XXII; pages 155-157—C. B. Sherk, J. T. Allaman, D. W. Baker, B. W. Mason, C. Bender.

On motion of W. H. Clay, one hundred copies of the report were ordered printed.

By order of the Conference, a committee on Ways and Means was appointed.

On motion of C. L. Wood, the bishops were requested to appoint reporters for such journals as they might select, to officially report the proceedings of the Conference.

A. Worman moved that when Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 8:30 A. M. (local time) tomorrow. Motion prevailed.

Rev. J. E. Bodine, pastor of the local church, in behalf of the church and the town and vicinity of Hudson, delivered the following address of welcome:

Dear Bishops, Delegates, Visiting Members and Friends of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ:

It affords me, indeed, very great pleasure to welcome you all in behalf of Hudson Class. We feel that we have been honored in having the General Conference of our beloved

church assemble here. Coming, as you do, the tried representatives of the true United Brethren Church, we extend Christian greeting. The opposition and often bitter persecutions through which we have been passing have been, no doubt, the means of binding us closer in the bonds of Christian union. We are, it seems in truth, United Brethren in Christ. Truly, the Lord has been very good to us in all the conflict. How good it seems after becoming acquainted, in a sense, through our church paper, the *Christian Conservator*, to be permitted now to greet one another, face to face, and to enjoy the communion of saints. God grant that this quadrennial session may be one of great spiritual good to us all. May it be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

It shall be our greatest pleasure to make your stay with us pleasant for you. Our abilities are somewhat limited, but our will is good. As we look into your faces we behold the marks of age. Many of you, evidently, are in the decline of life, and now are assembled in your last General Conference. Before another Conference shall convene some will have joined the church triumphant. Welcome, welcome, thrice welcome to the tried and true. God grant you all a most precious, harmonious, and glorious General Conference.

By request, Bishop H. J. Becker responded in behalf of the Conference, in a few well chosen and appropriate words.

On motion of W. Dillon, the Conference adjourned. Prayer by W. S. Titus. Benediction by Bishop H. Floyd.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1889.

At 8:30 the Conference convened and was called to order by Bishop H. T. Barnaby, who presided. B. Hamp conducted the devotions.

The roll was called, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of C. H. Kiracofe, all honorary titles were ordered omitted hereafter from the minutes.

C. L. Wood, at his own request, was excused from acting further as reading secretary, and M. F. Keiter was, by ballot, elected in his stead.

The Bishops announced the names of the reporters appointed.

The Bishops were requested to appoint a committee to consider the propriety of undertaking to procure a short-hand reporter.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the various committees on revision of Discipline to so revise the portions of Discipline committed to them as to do away with the present form of questions and answers, and to put the matter into the form of simple statements or injunctions, except in cases where the circumstances demand the interrogative form.

C. H. KIRACOFE.

D. B. SHERK.

C. B. Sherk, J. K. Alwood and C. H. Kiracofe were appointed the committee on Short-hand Reporter.

The committee on Rules of Order reported. The rules recommended were amended and adopted as follows and ordered printed:

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The Conference shall meet at 8:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M., and adjourn on motion.

II. The president shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and shall cause that an hour's devotional services be conducted each

morning, and devotional services consisting in the reading of the word of God, singing and prayer, be conducted each afternoon.

III. When it is apparent to the president that a quorum is present (a majority shall constitute a quorum), he shall have the journal of the previous day's proceedings read and approved, and the business of the Conference shall be conducted in the following order:

(1.) Miscellaneous business.

(2.) Reports, first, of standing committees, then special committees.

IV. The president shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate, except that the appellant may state the grounds of his appeal, and the chair may give the grounds of his decision.

V. The bishops shall appoint all committees unless otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

VI. On assigning the floor to any member, the president shall announce the name of the member and the conference he represents.

VII. Resolutions shall be presented in writing by the mover, and all motions shall be submitted in writing when the president, secretary, or any two members require it.

VIII. Any member desiring to speak, or present any matter to the Conference, shall rise and respectfully address the president and conference, and shall not proceed until he is properly recognized by the chair and his name announced by him.

IX. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the president to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses offensive personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the president to the matter when he deems the speaker out of order, and a member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented, the speaker retaining the floor.

X. When a member desires to speak to a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the president shall have decided it a question of privilege.

XI. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten (10) minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken; provided, however, that a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five (5) minutes to close the debate on the motion to adopt. The committee, however, shall not be deprived of its right to close the debate, even after the previous question has been ordered.

XII. When a question is before the Conference, the mover may withdraw it at any time before it has been amended, or before a vote has been taken, if no objection has been offered. If objection be made to the withdrawal, a vote on the motion to grant leave of withdrawal shall be taken without amendment or debate.

XIII. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; but a motion to reconsider a non-debatable motion must be decided without debate. A motion to reconsider must be made on the same or succeeding day on which the action was taken.

XIV. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

XV. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the president.

XVI. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by thirty members, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and all members within the bar shall be required to vote.

XVII. All written motions and reports after their first reading, and all communications to the Conference, shall be passed to the secretary to be read by him as the Conference may require.

XVIII. All elections of officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

XIX. The election of general officers of the church shall be in the following order:

- (1.) Bishops.
- (2.) Editor of the *Christian Conservator*.
- (3.) Publishing agent.
- (4.) Editor of the Sunday-school literature.
- (5.) Missionary secretary.
- (6.) Missionary treasurer.
- (7.) Manager of U. B. Seminary.
- (8.) Trustees of the Printing Establishment.
- (9.) Members of the Missionary Board.
- (10.) Officers of the Sunday-School Board.
- (11.) Trustees of Union Biblical Seminary.
- (12.) Board of Education.

XX. Any further order of business shall be determined by the Conference, and in all matters not covered by these rules, the usual parliamentary usages as determined by Roberts' Rules of Order shall be followed.

XXI. These rules shall not be changed or suspended, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that in the order of elections a majority vote may determine a change.

The committee on Short-hand Reporter recommended the employment of a competent reporter, provided one could be secured by the opening of tomorrow morning's session. The recommendation was adopted, and the committee on Ways and Means, together with the Publishing Agent, were ordered to arrange, if possible, for such reporter.

After prayer by S. W. Kern, the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2:00 P. M., Bishop H. T. Barnaby in the chair. A. W. Geeslin, of Missouri, led the devotion.

On motion of W. Dillon, the name of Rev. L. Davis, D. D., who had died within the quadrennium, was referred to the committee on Memoirs.

Letters were read from M. V. Crom, of Rock River conference, and J. Appleby, of Wisconsin conference, delegates elected to represent their respective conferences, but who, owing to affliction and other unavoidable circumstances, could not be present. These letters, expressive of brotherly greeting and encouragement, were referred to the committee on correspondence.

The Bishop's Quadrennial Address was then read by Bishop Wright, and listened to with marked attention and appreciation, by the Conference and the congregation present. The address was as follows:

THE BISHOPS ADDRESS.

Dear! Beloved Brethren, Delegates of the Annual Conferences of the United Brethren in Christ, in General Conference assembled:

Convened under a purely representative system of government by the people, to deliberate on the wants and interests of the church, and to provide such legislation and to make such arrangements as those wants and interests demand, it is important that all and each give good attention and the best possible effort to the accomplishment of those ends, nor can you succeed without the abundant grace of God and the aid of the Holy Spirit. We ask

that all unite in invoking the Divine benediction to rest on this Conference, upon the several annual conferences, and upon the homes of our loved ones. The purest, most intelligent, and most abiding spirituality should pervade this assembly. Without Christ we can do nothing; in him we can do all things.

May it appear in us how good and pleasant is the peaceful dwelling of brethren together. May this abiding here be ever a joy in our memories. To this end, let us remember the apostolic injunction, "Be kind; be courteous." May we in honor prefer one another. Let love be without hypocrisy. Be not wise in your own conceits. Set not your mind on high things, but be carried away with things which are lowly. Brethren, may not the acrimony of worldly assemblies have any place in our discussions. None will ever regret the utterance of kind words, but words unkind will fester in the memory. Let us rise above the least acrimony of debate. Let us resolve, "I will, the Lord being my helper," and the needed grace will be given.

Through the kind providence of God, not one of those who composed this Conference four years ago has been removed by death. Yet one whose words then cheered us and whose means then came to our aid, no longer tarries on the shore of time. Dr. Lewis Davis, full of years and strong in old age, died like he had lived. He was to the very last, in heart, in word and in deed, true to his principles, true to his church, and true to his God. On the 23rd day of March, 1890, the spirit of this master in Israel took its heavenward flight. His last testimony was not less grand than his life.

"He soared

Victorious as a conqueror to his throne."

Few men are of so fine a mould for greatness as was he. In body, in spirit, in mind, in heart, in character, in deeds, perhaps none in the history of the church has excelled him.

We honor the fathers, if we maintain their righteous principles. We honor their lives and teachings and laws. We love the reform principles which were approved of them and of God, and we stand on the moral platform hallowed by their prayers, teachings and sacrifices. They built on true principles which we will not forsake for earthly riches or carnal praise and patronage. Ours are the victories, biographies and history of the church. May we add worthy pages to that history.

Perhaps a more important session of this body has never convened. The past four years has been a period of reconstruction. Many of our societies, torn by a revolutionary schism, were divided, and some left but the fragments of former organization. In some cases our members were isolated and as sheep without a shepherd. Our missionary, church-erection, Sabbath-school, publication and educational funds and property were largely in the hands of those who had gone out from us, and these funds were turned against us. All our great connectional interests required readjustment, and some of them reconstruction. The task of some, having the greatest of these interests under their care, was of no ordinary magnitude. Their success has been beyond the most sanguine hopes of those who knew the difficulties of those departments. With these great interests before you, and the peculiar condition of the church to provide for, a burden is upon you great enough to tax the strength, the wisdom and courage of any deliberative assembly.

For the first two years of the past quadrennium, Bishop Barnaby attended the conferences of the North-west district, including, also, the Ontario conference, except the last of those years when Bishop Wright, on account of Brother Barnaby's affliction, attended that conference. Bishop Wright those years attended the conferences of the Ohio and East districts, and Bishop Floyd the conferences of the South-west district, including North Ohio conference. After this the bishops alternated, Ontario, however, being presided over as a part of the Ohio district, to which it really belongs. Bishop Becker presided annually over all the conferences of the Pacific district. Only one conference did a bishop fail to attend (South Missouri in 1892), and that on account of a sudden and almost imperative summons to attend an important church interest many hundred miles away. The sessions were generally attended with extraordinary harmony and spiritual power, probably much greater than in any previous years of the last quarter of a century. Some of the conferences, though somewhat depleted by the division of the church, remained strong and well organ-

ized. Others were weak and of limited organization. Sessions were held in thirty-four conferences. In some others arrangements for sessions failed. But the past year has developed considerable organization in three more conferences. While we could recommend the uniting of a few of the weaker conferences with others, we would advise a very temperate use of such consolidation. We suggest that so far as easily practicable it would be well to arrange the boundaries of our conferences conformably to state lines, and otherwise simplify boundary lines.

While our publishing interests have not had the scope that could have been desired, their financial success has been greater than the most sanguine could have hoped for under the circumstances. This department began with a small debt on the *Christian Conservator*, which has been nearly extinguished, and assets amounting to about \$1,200 have been added to our publication department. Our paper has had a very large circulation, and has been a great strength to the church. Our Sabbath-school literature has been from the first a decided success, and its circulation is now rapidly increasing. The publication department of our work should, and no doubt will, receive your very careful attention.

The greatest embarrassments have surrounded our missionary operations. Under the circumstances, nearly every conference felt as if it had enough to do to maintain its own local indispensable interests. Besides, the mission funds of the church were in the hands of those who had left the old Constitution and organized on a new. The parent society and the Woman's Missionary Association each had before it a work of reconstruction. And right well has this been accomplished. In the later years of the quadrennium the receipts of the society have been greatly increased. We are emphatically a missionary church, and upon a continuance of the missionary spirit depends our future success and vitality. Though deprived of our foreign missions, we have accumulated a nice little sum toward the establishment of such a mission.

Our Church Erection Society especially suffered in the disarranged condition of the church. Our people having other interests demanding their liberality, our itinerants seem almost to have excused them from this collection. Yet some funds were raised, and there is abundant call for all that can be raised. A fresh impetus should be given to this very useful department.

The Sabbath-schools of the church are doing well, and their loyalty to the church is shown by their earnest call for our own literature, which they generally patronize. But the work of the General Sabbath-school Board has not prospered. It is to be hoped that the efficiency of this arm of our church service will be greatly increased during the coming four years. On the conversion and religious instruction of the children greatly depends the future of our denomination.

Our educational institutions should receive your earnest attention. No church can prosper in this age without the elevation of its people in science and literature. A sanctified education being essential to the church, it behooves us to look well to our colleges and seminaries. Our people are carrying forward a few institutions, and these should receive your sympathy and encouragement. Our theological institution is at present in the hands of others, and for the time being we look to other sources for the training of our young ministers in theology. It is very important that you provide some arrangement to meet this want for the present time.

The building up of a pious, able and learned spiritual ministry should engage your earnest thought and effort. No doubt it does. Let us, with God's help, have a first-class ministry. Especially do we call your attention to providing not only a well qualified ministry, but one fully given to the ministerial calling. And we call your attention to the fact that there is danger that the local ministry will too largely become only nominal preachers. We advise such safeguards as will make nominal ministers impossible among us.

At such a time as this it is especially important that we raise no questions on which members differ on phases of doctrine, or otherwise, in matters churchly or political, but that we leave it for each to act in the best light he has. Satan and all other foes would delight to have us wrangle here and throughout our denomination. Our God has called

us to peace. Let us imitate the example of the Fathers, who agitated in the church only the questions on which they were agreed.

Unfortunately, and we greatly deplored it, we are under the necessity of maintaining our rights in the civil courts. If we should not maintain the trusts confided to our care by the pious living and sainted dead, we could not expect future benefactions to our church. Strong pressure, on the ground of the superior numbers of our adversaries, and other popular favor, has been brought to bear on the courts, and several decisions in the lower courts were made against our claims, but of the only decisions in the higher courts two out of three are in our favor. These decisions—one of them quite recent—put a favorable aspect on our legal controversy, and justly inspire our people with hope. While the expenses have been large, they have been very small compared with the usual costs of litigations of so vast magnitude and importance.

We humbly suggest to the consideration of this conference the following recommendations:

1. That you make better provisions for the poor among our people.
2. That you provide for improved pastoral relations.
3. That you put the educational collections side by side with the missionary collections in the pastor's duties and his chart reports, aiming, at the earliest possible period, to support our educational institutions thereby.
4. That you provide uniform regulations for lay-delegation for such annual conferences as may adopt lay-delegation.
5. That you take careful measures to provide a suitable hymnal for our regular church worship.
6. That you resolve and provide for the maintenance of our rights in the civil courts.
7. That you make the fewest possible changes in the rules of our Discipline.

We hold that any and all churches have a natural and scriptural right to organization, and to necessary regulations. We know that two can not walk together unless they are agreed. We believe that organic unity is very desirable when the proper conditions there-to can be met, and only in such case, otherwise it will be attended with strife and confusion. The Roman Church is an example of organic unity, attended with disorder and much evil. The Reformation brought diversity. The Puritans, Methodists, and our own church are examples of its utility. Even errorists may serve Providential ends. They often call attention to a neglected subject or duty, and often they check extravagance of views or utterance. Let us maintain the true object of our organization.

One proper object of organization is the communion of saints. Another is the edification—mental, moral and spiritual—of believers. Another is the protection it affords to the weak, and to all. It makes a bundle that can not be broken. Another very important object is the discipline and training of members in their conduct and actions. Not less important objects are public worship, charity, and the evangelization of the world to Christ.

To promote these ends, vital godliness, sound doctrine, pure worship, consistent discipline, and real efficiency are essential. Godliness is promoted by sound teaching, correct practice, becoming and effective methods, the exclusion of evil-doers and heretics, and by zeal and united efforts to attain the highest degree of grace, and to promote the foregoing ends and objects.

At such a time as this we are very liable to a proneness to new or partially accepted doctrines and theories. Let us rather seek the beaten path of orthodoxy. Let us look to the faith which has been tried.

Let our methods and worship be simple and unostentatious; let them be of the heart instead of mere form and sound. Our efficiency as a church can be, and should be, promoted by godly vitality, genuine church activity, heart-felt liberality, and sanctified culture and intelligence. And to promote these, judicious boards, effective officers, and well projected enterprises, and well arranged departments, are of great value.

With these great ends before us, we are a spectacle to men and angels, and have in our hands to make a record for time and eternity. May you be girded for the responsibilities of this session. May the God of all grace fill you with the spirit of knowledge and wisdom

and of a sound mind. May that peace which passes all understanding keep your minds and hearts in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

MILTON WRIGHT.

H. T. BARNABY.

HALLECK FLOYD.

HENRY J. BECKER.

At the close of the address all joined in a song of praise.

C. H. Kiracofe, Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, then read the following quadrennial reports of these interests:

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

DEAR BRETHREN:—If at the laying of the foundation of the second temple in Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites and the chiefs of the fathers of Israel had occasion for both weeping and rejoicing, so that it was difficult to determine which feeling prevailed—weeping because of the comparative insignificance in size and material grandeur of the latter temple, as compared with the former—rejoicing, because of the prospect that they were still to have a temple, though apparently inferior, and because of its anticipated future spiritual glory—certainly we, the priests and Levites and chief fathers of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, have occasion for a like commingling of feelings, as we are here assembled for the purpose of rebuilding, as it were, the temple of our Zion, which, by wicked hands, was well nigh demolished four years ago. It is with commingled feeling of weeping and rejoicing that I present to you this the tenth quadrennial report of our missionary work as a church—weeping when I consider the insignificance of this report, as compared with that of four years ago, in the extent of the territory occupied, the number of men employed, the amount of money received and expended, the number of houses built, and the number of members included in our mission fields—rejoicing when I remember that the perpetuity of the church on the old foundation, though possibly with less material grandeur, at least for a number of years, is now assured, and that the spiritual glory of the latter house promises to be superior to that of the former.

Four years ago we had in the foreign field more or less flourishing missions, in Africa, Germany, and among the Chinese on the Pacific Coast; our frontier field consisted of three mission districts and eleven mission conferences in the United States and Canada, representing, as reported, 21,648 members, 278 preachers, 241 church-houses, valued at \$255,451; and these members were paying annually to the church \$97,433.12. Besides, the Board had a permanent fund for missions of a little over \$86,000. At the beginning of the quadrennium, as a result of the schism in the church, the Board found itself without any foreign missions; with the three mission districts and eight out of the eleven mission conferences in the frontier field totally disorganized, and most of them with scarcely any ministers with which to reorganize them, and without a dollar of money in her treasury. Under these circumstances the work of reorganization was begun; but scarcely had it been commenced when nearly all the church-houses, and in some cases, all other available houses were closed against us. But hitherto the Lord has been with us and helped us, so that to-day ten out of eleven mission conferences are in an organized state, representing a membership of about six thousand, and nearly one hundred ministers who have rallied to the old standard, while there are, doubtless, many others who are still true United Brethren, but we have not as yet been able to reach them with the work of reorganization. These ministers and members are, in most cases, the very best men and women in their respective conferences—men and women who have settled moral convictions and the nerve to stand by them. While most of these conferences have been seriously weakened and crippled in their work, several of them are in a more hopeful condition now than they were at the close of the last quadrennium. This is especially true of the Oregon conference, which, notwithstanding the most bitter and determined opposition, has seemingly taken on new life, and has more than doubled her number of church-houses, and made between thirty and forty per cent. of a

increase in her membership during the quadrennium. The spirit of unity and consecration to the work prevails as, possibly, never before.

With the exception of two or three, the outlook in all of these conferences is hopeful, and it would be in all of them had we access to the church-houses, and a few more efficient workers in the field. Owing to the fact that under the circumstances it was almost impossible, especially the first two years, to get anything like accurate statistics in most of these conferences, I shall not attempt to present the statistical exhibit of the several conferences usually given in connection with the quadrennial report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Nothing has been attempted in the line of foreign missionary work, except that the Board at its annual meeting one year ago authorized the Executive committee, in conjunction with the trustees of the W. M. A., to look up and report to the Board at its next annual meeting a favorable location for planting a foreign mission, and ordered its secretary to commence at once to raise funds for that purpose. To facilitate the work of the secretary, the church was asked to observe the first week in January as a week of self-denial in the interest of the proposed foreign mission. This request was approved by most of the conferences at their annual sessions within the year. Specially prepared Self-denial Week envelopes were sent to all the pastors for use on their respective charges, accompanied with a printed circular containing suggestions as to how to use the envelopes and to appropriately observe the week. The week was observed, so far as reported, by a little less than one-half of the fields of labor in the various conferences, but wherever observed it was a success, and brought into the treasury of the Parent Board a little over one thousand dollars; to the Woman's Board over two hundred dollars; making now in the hands of the church a fund of more than twelve hundred dollars, special for foreign missions; and I feel quite sure that, when the idea is once well understood by our people, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 can be raised annually in this way for this purpose.

As a church, a wide and promising field is before us, but, in order to occupy it, our contributions to missions must be largely increased, and a greater number of our young men and women must be set apart for and consecrated to the work.

Two years ago your secretary commenced an effort to bring up the missionary contributions throughout the church to an annual average of one dollar to the member; and while the result has not yet been reached, commendable and encouraging progress has been made towards it. For many years we had made an average of about twenty-five cents to the member; the first year of this effort increased it to thirty-three cents, and the second to forty-two, and everything now indicates that we shall reach and pass the half-dollar mark in another year. It has been the aim of your secretary not only to secure increased contributions to missions but to all the interests of the church, not only temporarily, but permanently. With this end in view, he prepared and had printed at his own cost a pamphlet on Christian Giving, which has been quite generally distributed through the church. In this pamphlet, as well as in the Missionary Column, generously allowed him by the editor of the *Conservator*, and in his public addresses, he has urged the adoption of a system in giving, that would involve the apostle's idea of regularity, proportion, and as the Lord has prospered you.

The church has reason to be encouraged over the result wrought. A much larger proportion of our people than ever before have commenced tithing their incomes; others have adopted the idea of setting aside a definite sum each day or each week; others still have decided to give the income from some specific thing or enterprise, while some have taken hold of the self-denial idea and are dispensing with the use of tobacco and other hurtful or useless luxuries. Thus the idea of system is being introduced into their benevolence, and they are giving more easily and more cheerfully and in larger sums than they ever gave before, and many of them are being blessed materially and spiritually as never before. Owing to the unusual financial burdens brought upon our people by being compelled to defend their rights before the courts, and build new churches in place of those of which we are unjustly deprived, it seemed to me the field was not open for a direct and general canvass

in the interest of missions. Hence I have sought, as before indicated, to do work, the result of which would be reaped more in the future than at present.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In conclusion, I wish to suggest the following for your consideration:

1. That the Oregon conference be made self-supporting in form, as it has been in reality during the quadrennium.
2. That you either discontinue the Pacific Coast District, or that the bishop of the district be required to give part of his time to other church work in connection with his bishopric, so as to make his full salary on his district.
3. That you take steps towards opening a foreign mission as soon as possible.
4. That you authoritatively set apart the first week in January of each year to be observed as a self-denial week in the interest of said foreign mission.
5. That you disband the General Sabbath-School Board as such, and connect the interests now controlled by that board with the Missionary Board, to be managed in the same way as are the Church Erection interests, and that the Children's Day collection be for missions instead of for Sabbath-schools.
6. That you recommend to the conferences and the people in general the adoption of some regular system of proportionate giving, based on income.
7. That each conference be asked to pay to the Parent Board one-half of the funds collected for missions general, and that the Board be authorized to make appropriation to any conference when it is needed, whether it be a mission conference or not.

C. H. KIRACOFF.

TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT—1889-93.

RECEIPTS—GENERAL FUND.

From Branch Treasurers	\$ 6921 67	
From Cash Collections and Donations	4203 94	
From salary of Secretary and Treasurer returned	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$11425 61
Special Fund Receipts		1643 83
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Total Receipts for all purposes		\$13069 44
Total Receipts for Home Missions, (estimated)		30000 00

EXPENDITURES.

General Fund expended	\$11533 96	
Special Fund expended	637 40	
	<hr/>	\$12171 36
Balance in Treasury—Special Fund		898 08
Due Special Fund from General Fund		107 18
Due General Fund from Branch Treasurer, White River Conference	\$83 09	
Due General Fund from Branch Treasurer of Kansas Conference	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 98 90
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Indebtedness of General Fund		9 09

REPORT IN DETAIL.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS FROM BRANCH TREASURERS.

1890	\$ 1116 55	
1891	1706 55	
1892	1866 68	
1893	2230 71	
	<hr/>	\$ 6920 67

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

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FROM CASH COLLECTIONS BY SECRETARY.

1890	\$ 844 02	
1891	1963 88	
1892	1386 20	
1893	999 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 4203 94

SALARY RETURNED.

1890		
1891	\$ 100 00	
1892	100 00	
1893	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00

Total General Fund	\$11425 94
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SPECIAL FUND RECEIPTS.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1890	\$ 27 00	
1891	7 50	
1892	9 80	
1893	1012 18	
	<hr/>	\$ 1056 48
Special Fund for other purposes		587 35
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Total Special Fund		\$ 1643 83
Total Receipts for All Purposes		\$13069 44

EXPENDITURES.

PACIFIC COAST DISTRICT.

1890	\$ 500 00	
1891	500 00	
1892	500 00	
1893	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2000 00

ARKANSAS VALLEY CONFERENCE.

1891	\$ 200 00	
1892	200 00	
1893	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 600 00

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

1891	\$ 100 00	
1892	200 00	
1893	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 500 00

ELKHORN CONFERENCE.

1892	\$ 200 00	
1893	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 400 00

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

1890	\$ 200 00	
1891	250 00	
1892	250 00	
1893	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1000 00

GENERAL CONFERENCE

ONTARIO CONFERENCE.

1890	\$ 50 00	
1891	200 00	
1892	300 00	
1893	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 850 00

OREGON CONFERENCE—PHILOMATH.

1892	\$ 50 00	
1893	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 100 00

WALLA WALLA CONFERENCE.

1890	\$ 100 00	
1891	100 00	
1892	188 66	
1893	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 588 66

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

1891	\$ 176 50	
1892	165 00	
1893	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 541 50

WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

1891	\$ 230 00	
1892	50 00	
1893	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 330 00

SOUTH MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

1891	50 00	
Total Appropriations		\$ 6960 16
Special Fund not included in Appropriations		258 34

SALARY.

1890	\$ 798 22	
1891	1000 00	
1892	1000 00	
1893	1000 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3798 22

TRAVELING EXPENSES.

1890	\$ 163 05	
1891	161 98	
1892	115 78	
1893	120 91	
	<hr/>	\$ 561 72

BECKER LECTURES.

1891	\$ 233 13	
1892	23 70	
1893	22 49	
	<hr/>	\$ 279 32

Missionary Certificate	72 00
Soliciting Cards	20 00
Printing	65 75
Stationery, Postage, Expressage, etc.	67 19
Woman's Missionary Association Deposit	53 65
Lawyer's Fees	35 00
Total Expenditures	\$12171 36

C. H. KIRACOFÉ, *Treasurer*.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF CHURCH ERECTION FUNDS.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

1890	\$ 22 92	
1891	75 20	
1892	113 16	
1893	121 33	
		\$ 332 61
Special Donation from Phebe Trogdon		200 00
Total Receipts		\$ 532 61

PAID OUT—ON LOAN.

To First Church in Eldorado, Kansas	\$ 150 00	
To First Church in in Mankato, Kansas	150 00	
		\$ 300 00
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1893		\$ 232 61

C. H. KIRACOFÉ, *Treasurer*.

These reports were approved and their recommendations referred to the appropriate committees.

Bishop H. Floyd, president of the Board of Trustees of the Printing Establishment, read the following report, which was referred to the committee on Publishing Interests:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is hardly necessary to say, in reporting the condition of our publishing department, that for the last four years our Printing Establishment and its accumulated stock and funds have been in the hands of those who have gone out from the church. It occurred, while we were known to assert our rights in the civil courts, that rival trustees (so-called) brought suit to quiet their title to the establishment. That suit, after various stages, known to you all, is now on the docket of the Supreme Court of Ohio, and may not be reached for trial for a year or two to come. Recent decisions in the Supreme Court of Oregon and in the United States Circuit Court at Toledo, in our favor, give good hope that justice may at last be awarded in our Printing Establishment case, so that our rightful property shall be restored to us.

In June, 1889, charge of the *Christian Conservator* was transferred from the Constitutional Association to your Publishing Board, and adopted as the organ of the church for the time being. At the time of its transfer its nominal circulation was about 3,800, and its paying subscription about 3,000. Its circulation began to increase under the system of payment of subscription strictly in advance, and in two years the actual paying subscription ran up to more than 5,500, and its occasional circulation to 5,800. For the past year the average circulation has been about 5,000. This number not only speaks well as to a large

membership in the church, but speaks in praise of that membership. It proclaims their loyalty and taste for reading. Till our former periodical comes into our possession, it behooves us to look well to the improvement and circulation of the *Christian Conservator*. It is a great factor in the promotion of our cause.

In April, 1891, our Agent prepared to meet a great demand of our people for Sabbath-school literature. Accordingly, under very advantageous arrangements as to cost, there appeared the *Lesson Quarterly*, the *Precious Gems*, *Cheerful Hours*, and *Our Wee Ones*, and from the very first they all paid the expenses of publication, and even the first year yielded a small profit.

The *Christian Conservator* has never paid expenses without help from the profits of other departments and generous donations from our people. The last year there was a deficit of \$1,350, which was, however, fully provided for by donations and profits on other departments. Our publishing department has now assets over all liabilities to the amount of \$1,200, one thousand of this being a fund to keep on hands a perpetual stock of books for sale. We need a much larger fund of this kind. Altogether, under the circumstances of the establishment, and the condition of the church, the success of the publishing department is very gratifying, and has exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

We respectfully submit to this Conference and the new board, soon to be elected, the following recommendations:

1. That the *Christian Conservator* be changed from quarto form to magazine form of twelve or sixteen pages, and that you consider the propriety of its enlargement, if this can be safely done; and in this connection you also consider the propriety of increasing the price of the paper.

2. It may be well to consider the propriety of employing four contributing editors, at a small cost, to assist the editor of the *Conservator*.

3. That you consider the feasibility and desirableness of allowing a page of the *Conservator* to the missionary department of the church, a page to the Woman's Missionary Association, and a page to the educational department of our denomination, these departments to provide in whole or in part for the expense of furnishing those pages, and all to be under the careful and intelligent supervision and control of the editor of the paper.

May the blessing of God be upon the future editors and publishers and upon all the interests of our publishing department. Respectfully submitted.

HALLECK FLOYD.

AARON ZEHRING.

Z. MCNEW.

G. T. HORINE.

C. H. KIRACOFE.

C. S. MILLER.

J. A. BROWN.

Trustees.

A motion prevailed fixing 10:00 o'clock A. M., Monday, May 22nd, as the hour to hear the report from the Woman's Missionary Association. After prayer by J. Hoffhines, of Scioto, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1893.

At 8:00 A. M., I. M. Tharp, of White River, opened the devotional services by reading a Scripture lesson and leading in prayer, after which Bishop H. Floyd conducted the devotional meeting, which continued one hour. B. G. Huber, N. R. Luce, W. H. Davis, J. W. Stewart, J. K. Nelson, E. J. Moody and P. Beck led in prayer, songs intervening.

At 9:00 o'clock Bishop H. Floyd, in the chair, called the house to order, and the business of the day was entered upon.

The roll was called; the minutes of previous day were read, corrected and approved.

The roll of conferences was called.

H. H. Williams, of East Des Moines, made statements relating to his conference.

W. A. Oler, of White River, presented a petition in reference to Hartsville College, which was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion the rule requiring the calling of the roll of conferences each morning, for presentation of petitions, was suspended.

J. K. Alwood, of committee No. 6, on Revision of Discipline, read their report, which was amended and adopted.

The Ways and Means committee made a statement that they had not as yet been able to secure a short-hand reporter, and by a vote of the conference, they were allowed till Monday noon to secure one.

W. Dillon presented a resolution relating to the Columbian Exposition, which was referred to the committee on the State of the Church and Country.

A motion, that miscellaneous business take the place of the calling of the roll of conferences, for petitions, was referred to the committee on Rules of Order.

W. Dillon, Secretary of the General Sabbath-School Board, read the following report, which was approved.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of 1893.

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—We found the funds and facilities in the hands of those who passed over onto the new constitution and confession of faith. We entered on our work with no money in the treasury, the Sunday-school literature diverted from the church, with only good will and good intentions among the the residue that remained with the church, and the smiles of an approving God. The Publishing Agent made arrangements by which three Sunday-school papers have been published, the *Precious Gems*, *Cheerful Hours* and *Our Wee Ones*, which have had a commendable circulation, and have met the wants of our Sunday-schools as to papers. We have held the meetings of our Board annually as required, and in the situation have done what we could. The report of the treasurer of the Sabbath-School Board for the Quadrennium ending May 18, 1893, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Anglaize 1889-90	\$ 8 91	
" 1890-91	20 46	
" 1891-92	11 18	
" 1892-93	8 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 48 80
Arkansas Valley 1892-93		50
Central Illinois 1892-93		1 00
East Ohio 1890-91	\$ 3 00	
" " 1891-92	6 00	
" " 1892-93	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14 00

Kansas, 1892-93		5 00
Maryland, 1891-92	\$ 4 00	
" 1892-93	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9 00
Michigan, 1889-90	\$ 2 50	
" 1890-91	12 50	
" 1891-92	14 18	
" 1892-93	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 45 18
North Michigan, 1889-90	\$ 7 01	
" " 1890-91	9 50	
" " 1891-92	8 50	
" " 1892-93	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 32 01
North Ohio, 1889-90	\$ 10 48	
" " 1890-91	16 08	
" " 1891-92	23 21	
" " 1892-93	28 29	
	<hr/>	\$ 78 06
Oregon, 1890-91	\$ 5 50	
" 1891-92	5 70	
" 1892-93	6 60	
	<hr/>	\$ 17 80
Ontario, 1889-90	\$ 5 85	
" 1890-91	7 52	
" 1891-92	4 75	
" 1892-93	6 46	
	<hr/>	\$ 24 58
Pennsylvania, 1890-91	\$ 10 25	
" 1891-92	13 25	
" 1892-93	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 38 50
Rock River, 1890-91	\$ 10 50	
" " 1891-92	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 15 75
Scioto, 1890-91	\$ 8 25	
" 1891-92	7 67	
	<hr/>	\$ 16 19
St. Joseph, 1892-93		\$ 1 75
White River, 1889-90	\$ 4 52	
" " 1890-91	5 00	
" " 1891-92	4 00	
" " 1892-93	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 17 52
Sandusky, 1892-93		2 90
Unknown, 1889-90		4 00
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Total Receipts		\$372 54
Total Expenditures		\$ 24 44
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Cash Balance		\$348 10

RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend that the Sabbath-School Board be continued as heretofore under the auspices of the General Conference.

I. M. THARP.
W. H. CLAY.
C. H. KIRACOFE.
W. DILLON.
S. L. LIVINGSTON.
H. FLOYD.

Conference adjourned. Prayer by W. S. Titus.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2:00 P. M.; Bishop H. Floyd in the chair.

A. G. Johnson, of St. Joseph Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The committee on Rules of Order reported on the special motion referred to them, recommending that the words "miscellaneous business" be substituted for item 1, Article III, which was adopted.

J. K. Alwood presented a paper relating to the works of Thomas Upham, in the courses of reading, which was referred to committee No 8, on Revision.

The committee on State of the Church and Country made a partial report, pertaining to Sunday opening, which was amended and adopted as follows:

To the Managers of the World's Fair.

The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, assembled in Hudson, Indiana, representing upwards of fifty thousand communicants, most earnestly protest against opening the Fair grounds upon the Christian Sabbath; and believe that in respecting the Sabbath day you will promote the best interests of the institution which you represent, by bringing the best elements of this great Christian nation into closer sympathy with you. We will advise our people not to attend the Exposition, if the gates are open on the Sabbath day.

I. M. THARP.
A. WORMAN.
A. G. JOHNSON.
JOHN MCBRIDE.
J. M. JOHNSON.

A motion prevailed, instructing the presiding bishop and secretary to affix their official signatures thereto and forward the same to the Directory of the World's Fair.

The secretary of the Board of Education, N. D. Wolfard, read his report and the recommendations of the Board. The recommendations were referred to the committee on Education and committee No. 9, on Revision. The report was approved. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The utility of the work required of this board seems not to be understood by our membership. Other interests have claimed their attention and support during the past quadrennium. The contributions have been but little more than sufficient to defray the expenses of the meetings required by the constitution.

Some plan should be adopted by which a general interest and co-operation of the church may be secured in this intensely important work. The failure of our church to plant and sustain itself in the cities is not due so much to our God-honored reform principles as to our want of intellectually trained, well informed ministers to compete with such in other churches.

We must deal with the world as we find it. If we would fill creditably the mission God would have us fill, we must prepare to meet the just demands of those for whom we labor. We have promising young men and women who are anxious to prepare to meet this demand, but they lack means. We can not supply them. Other churches do, and they are lost to us. Shall we continue to live at this poor dying rate, or shall we awaken to the situation, supply the means, save this talent, bless the church, and honor God yet more?

Hartsville College, in Indiana, and Philomath College, in Oregon, have remained true to the church, and have been quite prosperous, considering the circumstances. Hartsville College has faithfully adhered to the principles of the church. It has had very much to contend with, but by Divine favor, through the benevolence of sisters Snyder, Shisler and others, it has gloriously survived the wreck of Liberalism. During the quadrennium, under the most adverse circumstances, its indebtedness has been materially diminished, its endowments almost doubled, and its patronage considerably increased. The conferences now co-operating are: Indiana, White River, North Ohio, Michigan, North Michigan, Scioto, Auglaize, Sandusky, Ontario, East Ohio, Erie, Rock River, Upper Wabash, West Kansas and St. Joseph. The aggregate attendance this year was eighty-six. The average attendance is sixty. The condition is better at present in every respect than in 1889. The prospects for attendance in the future are fair.

The interest of pastors and members generally is not what it should be. As the other general interests of the church are sustained, so the college interests should be vigorously cared for through the pastors. There were five graduates this year. The religious interest of the college is good. The faculty consists of five instructors. The approximate value of the property is \$25,000; the endowment, about \$13,000. The financial outlook is not flattering.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE.

After this year the Washington and California conferences will co-operate with the Oregon conference in the support of the school. The aggregate attendance, not counting in two departments is 298. We have had eleven terms of school in the four years. These figures compare favorably with the reports of the former quadrennium, when we consider the division of the church. The outlook for the future attendance is flattering. The ministers and membership are more interested in the school, and will, as soon as the last decision of the court is given, step out boldly to the support of the school. Religious interest is very good.

Graduates, four; instructors, four; property valued at above \$20,000; endowment can not be given exactly, since the Liberals have had charge for some time—it was over \$10,000. The prospects are now that we will have control soon. Finances seem to be very good under the circumstances.

In regard to the board of managers, a word of commendation is due. Never were a number of men more true to a trust; and they have stood by the school in straightened circumstances with Christian integrity not often seen. They have borne financial burdens that less determined men would have shirked. When fire destroyed our building they from the ruins took courage, and followed the Bishop's suggestion, "Out of the ashes let another Phoenix rise," and build yet more beautiful and useful.

The publishing interest of the United Brethren Church has met with fair success. At the time of division this interest was no longer a financial drain on the church, but a source of income. This was brought about by a general board clothed with sufficient power for effectual work. The interest was so controlled as to concentrate the patronage and support of the entire church. The educational interest has failed, in a measure, for want of concentration. The church has endeavored to establish and operate a score of institutions, all poorly equipped, meagerly endowed and heavily encumbered with debt. Had

the entire interest been in the hands of a general board, with sufficient executive power to control, a smaller number of institutions might have been securely established, well endowed, and made self-sustaining.

The present is a favorable time for the church to adopt a system of educational work, eliminating the defects of the course pursued during the past, and availing itself of the advantages that skill, experience and observation furnish. For this purpose the Board of Education recommends that the Constitution of the Board of Education be so amended as to augment its powers and direct its labors so as to secure the best results.

The chair announced that Bishop M. Wright, C. H. Kiracofe and J. Hoffhines were appointed a committee on Memoirs.

Committee No. 4, on Revision, made a report, which, after some amendment, was adopted.

Rev. G. W. Walker, of the Lutheran Church, was introduced to the conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

Committee No. 7, on Revision, made a partial report, embracing pages 101 to 113 inclusive, of the Discipline. The report was adopted.

Committee No. 2, on Revision, submitted a report, which was considered item by item. Pending the consideration of item 14, page 39, conference adjourned, after prayer by W. Miller, of Auglaize.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1893.

Conference convened for devotion at 8:00 A. M.

Bishop H. J. Becker called the conference to order and J. Kenoyer, of Walla Walla, read the Scripture lesson and offered the opening prayer, after which Bishop Becker conducted the meeting. D. O. Tussing, J. McBride and W. Dillon offered prayer. The remainder of the hour was given to a testimony meeting, which was participated in by J. K. Alwood, Bishop H. J. Becker, C. H. Kiracofe, J. T. Allaman, Bishop H. Floyd, Bishop H. T. Barnaby and W. Dillon.

Promptly at 9:00 o'clock the business of the conference was entered upon, Bishop H. J. Becker in the chair.

The roll was called; the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

H. O. Kerns presented a paper pertaining to the Pacific Coast District, which was referred to the committee on Superintendency.

The special order of the day—the hearing of the report from the Woman's Missionary Association—having arrived, the secretary of the Association not being able to be present, the special order was postponed.

A committee to arrange for a picture of the conference was, by order of the conference, appointed. Committee: A. B. Lilly, J. E. Bodine and N. D. Wolfard.

The committee on Ways and Means reported that they had not yet

been able to procure a short-hand reporter and were excused from any further effort to procure one.

Rev. O. E. Wilcox, of the M. E. Church, was introduced and invited to a seat within the bar.

The Conference requested the Publishing Agent to provide immediately for long hand reporters.

Item 14, of the report of committee No. 2, on Revision, (page 39 of Discipline) was again taken up and after some discussion, was recommended.

The chair announced as a committee on Superintendency, W. Miller, A. W. Geeslin and J. K. Alwood.

Committee No. 5, on Revision, submitted their report. It was moved and carried to adopt the report item by item. Pending the adoption of item 2, Conference adjourned. Prayer by H. O. Kerns.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2:00 o'clock; Bishop H. J. Becker in the chair.

S. W. Kern, of Iowa, conducted the devotions.

On resuming business the Publishing Agent announced that he had secured Rev. N. D. Wolfard, of Fairmount, Indiana, Misses M. M. Titus, of Charlotte, Michigan, Ida Wood, of Alma, Michigan, and Eva Keiter, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, as reporters.

The report of committee No. 5 was again taken up. Pending the adoption of item first, of Section V, of Discipline, the report was recommended.

Committee No. 8, on Revision, (pages 116 to 125 of Discipline) reported, which report was considered item by item.

The first part of this report recommended several changes of minor importance, which were discussed, and some of them adopted and some rejected. According to the report, Upham's "Interior Life" was taken from the second year's course of reading and Lee's "Natural Theology" was inserted instead, the former being out of print. Allaman inquired if the book substituted covered the same ground as the one taken out. Kiracofe replied that it did not. Pierson's "Crisis of Missions" was substituted for Harris' "Great Commission," it being considered a more practical treatise for our people generally. The report recommended to strike out "Doctrines Relating to Man" under "Bible Doctrines" in second year's course of reading.

BISHOP FLOYD. I think it would take out an important part of the required doctrines.

BISHOP WRIGHT. The book treats of required doctrines. Why strike it out?

S. AUSTIN. What seems to me to be wrong in the words is their indefiniteness.

A. WORMAN. It seems to me to be clear as it is.

J. K. ALWOOD. I think it was the intention to say, in as few words as possible, that classes should be examined in these doctrines, instead of giving the names of all the books teaching them.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. We should indicate what doctrines are to be taught.

W. MILLER. I favor striking out the words on account of their indefiniteness.

J. M. Johnson favored retaining the words.

P. BECK. If anyone on a committee does not know what is meant he is unfit for the position.

Z. McNew opposed striking out.

The item failed.

The report recommended to substitute Broadus' Homiletics instead of Etter's "Preacher and His Sermon." Agreed to without discussion.

A motion was made to place the "Preacher and His Sermon" among the books recommended. The motion was lost.

M. Wright proposed a slight change in Section IV, page 125, which on motion of C. H. Kiracofé, prevailed.

The report as amended was adopted.

At 4:30 Judge Taft's decision in the Toledo case was called for, and extracts therefrom were read by Bishop M. Wright. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung and Bishop H. Floyd offered prayer as follows:

We thank thee, O Father, for the institution of the church of Jesus Christ. We thank thee for thy gracious providence thou hast exercised over thy people—thy Zion; and we thank thee that while we have waited and trusted and looked for deliverance from the powers of evil, we have at last realized it. We thank thee for the vindication of righteousness. We thank thee that thou art influencing the courts in this struggle through which we are passing to give these decisions. And we pray, Lord, that thou wilt help us to receive in humility of heart these messages that come to cheer and comfort us.

Oh may we receive a new baptism of the Holy Ghost. We pray that we may go forth to do better work for God than we have done before. Strengthen us along the line, and may the cloud that has so long hung over our church be dispelled. May her power and influence over the world be largely increased. May her former glory return. Make bare thine arm. Show the world that the church is immutable. O Lord, give us moral courage to hold up a standard for the people. O Lord, bless our mistaken brethren; may they see the right and try to repair the wrongs. May there be an emotion filling every breast as it filled the hearts of the fathers, when they said, "Let us be brethren." Lord, bless this Conference. Give us a double portion of thy spirit. Open a greater door of usefulness to us, and may we come up to the day of coronation and "crown thee Lord of All." Bless us, guide us and lead us into all truth, and we will give the all thee glory forever and ever; amen.

After remarks by each of the bishops and S. Austin the conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Barnaby.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1893.

Conference convened at 8:00 o'clock; Bishop Wright in the chair.

After an hour's devotional services, led by S. Austin, the secretary called the roll. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

A letter from Rev. G. W. Masters, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, South Missouri conference, was read by the secretary, in which he regretted that he could not be present as a delegate. Referred to the committee on Correspondence.

C. B. Sherk moved that Thursday, 10:00 A. M. be the time fixed for election of general officers. C. H. Kiracofe moved to amend by saying Friday instead of Thursday. The amendment prevailed. The motion as amended prevailed.

Committee No. 5, on Revision, re-submitted its report pertaining to the subject of divorce. C. H. Kiracofe moved that the word "mutually," between "sacred" and "and," in the amendment, be stricken out. Carried.

H. T. BARNABY. I think there would be some difficulty in carrying out item 5th. How is a minister to know whether divorced persons have scriptural ground for such divorce or not? This will make it necessary to refuse to marry divorced persons.

J. M. JOHNSON. It forbids a minister from marrying such persons, knowing the divorce not to be on scriptural ground.

H. FLOYD. I see no difficulty since the section does not define itself.

C. L. Wood gave an illustration of the case and said, "I am opposed to this whole matter. Public sentiment is wonderfully loose on this question. I am in favor of retaining the word "adultery."

E. C. WYATT. I am of Brother Wood's opinion. As a church we want to stand solid on this question. I think God's word should be honored. If necessary proof can not be obtained, perhaps it was Christ's intention that it should be hard to get a divorce.

C. H. KIRACOFFE. I have not given this subject special examination, but I regard it as important and can not vote for it unless the Scripture be given to prove it right.

W. DILLON. There are three views, (1.) That of the Roman Catholic church, that there is *no* cause for granting a divorce. (2.) That adultery is the only cause. (3.) That there is another Bible reason than the above, which is my view.

BISHOP WRIGHT. I will say first, that report gives only Scriptural grounds and if there be but one, it is covered by the report. But in

regard to my talk yesterday, there may be fornicators, and all the world knows there are such, but they can not be proved. We all know this is true. Let me cite a case:

A young girl married a young and worthless fellow with whom she could scarcely live, but she did live with him just as long as he would live with her. But in the course of two or three years he left her, and she knew not whither he went. In the course of a few years, just about the time she was old enough to think of marrying, she sees a young man whom she loves and who will be a true kind husband to her. She has not the money to look up her good for nothing husband, and if she had, perhaps he is guilty of fornication—every body believed he was—yet it can not be proved. Now is that beautiful young girl to be doomed to widowhood all her life? No, I do not feel one bit condemned that I solemnized the marriage of that young girl to the man she loved. I shall repent of it when I get to the throne of God and find it was wrong. but not before. I repeat what I said yesterday, I will not stand second to any man in defending the sacred marriage relation. I do not speak on my own account or for any friend of mine, but I speak before God. This marriage relation is a sacred relation. Do you think Joseph was wrong in trying to shield Mary from the gaze and scorn of the world when he thought she had fallen into temptation? No, I honor Joseph for it, and if I stand by Joseph in regard to a case like this, I will stand in a very good position. I honor Joseph in my heart.

J. KENOYER. I have known parties believed to be guilty, but when divorces were granted, they were on other grounds.

D. B. SHERK. I desire thorough discussion. Some will not move here from Canada on account of your loose divorce laws. I am not in favor of the amendment.

BISHOP BECKER. We are not ready to vote. There are couples that God has not joined together. The Scriptural law is "What God hath joined together," etc. If God has not joined them how can they really be married? There are some cases of compulsion. There may be a young woman who is compelled to marry a man she never has loved and never can love. In the course of six months or a year he leaves that young wife. Now she has, perhaps, fifty or sixty years of life before her. Is it the will of God that she be doomed to celibacy all these years? Is it the will of him who said, "It is not good for man to live alone," to blight that young girl's life and bring upon her a stain which would cling to her for life? No, I can not think it is his will. I know it is not. Can there not be some words added or some amendment to "Scriptural grounds," to make it more definite and also to embrace in it these various cases of compulsion? Can there not be something to cover such cases?

W. DILLON. The object in changing it from the form it now has in

the Discipline is to meet just the want that Bishop Becker stated in his talk. He certainly could vote for this, for the object of it is to cover just the ground he pleads for. In the Presbyterian church it is claimed there are more reasons for divorce than adultery, and I am sure there is not looseness in their church on this. [Reads I Cor. 7:8.] If there is only one cause given for divorce in the Bible, then the ground is wholly covered. If there is more than one, I think "Scriptural reasons" covers the whole ground and should be adopted.

C. L. WOOD. I know I have the highest esteem for our worthy bishops. I beg you to hear me a few minutes in reference to a remark made by Brother Sherck. Hundreds of persons come here to get divorce, because they can get it for any cause by paying ten dollars. I know there are cases that deserve our sympathy, such as have been referred to, but let us aim our blows at the liquor traffic that causes so much suffering. I desire to record my vote No.

C. H. KIRACOFFE. I had not expected to speak on this. Law is one thing, sympathy another. Law is for the bettering of society and will be severe upon some, but, for the good of the whole we must have law. Doctor Fisher was on board a vessel in quarantine and was not permitted to land. He sent letters asking permission to land, but it was not granted. The few suffered for the many. We let down the flood-gates if we loosen the law.

J. HOFFHINES. This amendment that proposes "scriptural grounds" is too loose for me. When a court grants a divorce, it does not say whether it is on scriptural grounds or not, and where a couple is to be married, who is to decide? Why the preacher? He may consider several reasons scriptural, and thus it makes it very indifferent. I think it is too loose on this subject.

W. H. CLAY. I think for irreparable desertion divorce should be granted, but I do not want looseness.

J. K. ALWOOD. If we must loosen up on this question let us wait four years. We are legislating for the ages to come; let us stick to our moorings.

Wm. Miller read the words of Jesus, which, he said, forever settled the question with him.

BISHOP BECKER. I want to ask Brother Miller a question. He says that if a man put away his wife, but what if she runs away and he has nothing to do with putting her away, what then? [Applause.]

S. AUSTIN. If the Bible speaks clearly on any point, a thousand laws will not change the moral aspect of the question.

Bishop Wright explained how this law came into the Discipline. He thought it impracticable—so strong that it became weak—and urged the conference to substitute the practical for the impractical.

The motion was lost on a rising vote.

C. H. Kiracofe moved to change item 3, page 88, by striking out "for other causes than adultery" and substitute "when the cause of adultery does not exist." The amendment prevailed.

On motion Conference adjourned with prayer by J. Riley

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Wright; C. Bender led the devotions.

A. Worman read a resolution, providing for trustees to hold property of the church not otherwise provided for. It was referred to committee on Revision No. 9.

The publishing agent made the following report:

PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

To the General Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As you are again assembled in regular quadrennial session, it is due that one to whom you, four years ago, committed the important interests of your publishing department, should now report to you his work and the condition of this very important department. It is well to say right here that, in accordance with an understanding with your session of four years ago, I have devoted only a part of my time to this work. The Board of Trustees so arranged that I was supposed to give one-fifth of my time to our publications, and another fifth to the other interests of the department—two-fifths altogether—and my salary was proportioned to this arrangement. Charge of the publishing department has added greatly to my responsibility, and has greatly increased my labors, at times taxing my powers of endurance and trenching on my duties as superintendent of a district. But a kind providence has greatly blessed me in health and capacity to endure labor. Yet it is very gratifying to me now to lay down this important trust. It will not be deemed amiss to say, that for some of the plans and measures which have greatly contributed to the success of our periodicals, I have been indebted to those whose names may not occur to you, and who neither expected nor received any pecuniary compensation. I am also greatly indebted to the Board of Trustees for their counsel and help in carrying forward our work.

At the session of the Board of Trustees in June, 1889, the *Christian Conservator* was adopted as the chief organ of the church, pending the recovery of our Printing Establishment. It came into our hands with a valuable list of subscribers and a small debt, the subscription list richly compensating for the indebtedness, the most of which has been since paid. The paying subscription was at that time about 3,000. It increased in two years to fully 5,500, and some issues reached as high as 5,800. With the old debt mostly paid off, and the new obligations all met or provided for, the department has now net assets amounting to \$1,023.37, the most of this being a special fund to provide a perpetual stock of books for sale. This book fund needs to be greatly increased.

As there was so great demand in the church for Sabbath-school literature of our own, we carefully devised Sabbath-school periodicals, and in April, 1891, began their publication. These periodicals are the *Lesson Quarterly*, *Precious Gems*, *Cheerful Hours*, and *Our Wee Ones*. All these publications were received most cordially by our Sabbath-schools. From the very first these papers paid expenses, and they have since afforded several hundred dollars profit to the publishing department. Their circulation is increasing very rapidly. Without a very advantageous arrangement which we made, the Sabbath-school literature would have involved considerable indebtedness, instead of a nice profit.

We have also added a small book-trade to the business of the department; but as our patrons so far are mostly preachers to whom we furnish books almost at cost, the profits

to the department are very small. The supply of books however, is doing the church much good, and ought to be much enlarged.

It will occur to the observing mind, that the increase of the circulation of the *Conservator*, the publication of four Sabbath-school periodicals, and our book trade—to say nothing of our legal controversy—has more than doubled the labors of your Agent and his book-keeper since the beginning of this quadrennium. A competent, skillful, and rapidly-working book-keeper became a necessity, and entirely unexpected to me, a former agent of the *Conservator*, solicited a book-keeper for me, and found him in my own family—though his residence and business was then more than a thousand miles away. Since he came to my help, he has been, not in name, but in fact assistant agent. Since he was employed our work and business has been doubled.

The publishing department has been successful beyond our most ardent hope. I have been careful to avoid debts. I have tried to run the establishment cheaply, but with generosity. The success is mainly due to my helpers in the publishing office, and especially to our ministers throughout the church, who, in faithful effort and real self-sacrifice, have proved worthy of great praise. They certainly rank as among the best agents in the world. The Lord bless them.

My financial exhibit for the quadrennium is as follows:

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From the former Publishing Agent		\$ 349 51
1889-90	\$ 6096 83	
1890-91	6473 79	
1891-92	9286 95	
1892-93	8742 71	
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		\$30949 79

EXPENDITURES.

1889-90	6446 34	
1890-91	6007 57	
1891-92	8864 99	
1892-93	8991 33	
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		\$30310 23

Cash balance on hand May 1, 1893	\$ 639 56
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ASSETS.

Cash on hand	\$ 639 56	
Books in stock	175 00	
Furniture, type, etc.	30 00	
Bills collectable	178 81	
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		\$ 1023 37

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS.

	1892.	1893.
Christian Conservator	5,250	4,600
Precious Gems	3,500	4,500
Cherful Hours	3,500	4,500
Our Wee Ones	4,900	5,300
Quarterlies	12,900	16,000
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Total Circulation of all Periodicals	30,050	34,900

Respectfully submitted.

MILTON WRIGHT.

On motion of H. Floyd the report was approved.

B. G. Huber read the report of committee No. 1, on Revision, which was approved throughout.

On motion of C. H. Kiracofe, W. Trace was granted leave of absence after to-day's session, because of the sickness of his wife.

Revision committee No. 11 reported. The report was discussed by B. W. Mason, C. W. Backus and M. Wright, and was not concurred in.

The form of bequest, as found on page 166 of Discipline, was referred to committee No. 11, and C. H. Kiracofe was added to the committee.

The following report was made by the committee on Superintendency.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

We your committee on Superintendency submit the following report:

1. That there be five Bishop's Districts.
2. That one of these shall be known as the Pacific Coast District, for which one bishop shall be especially elected, who shall be required to reside on his district.
3. That there be four bishops elected for the remaining four districts east of the Rocky Mountains.

J. K. ALWOOD.

A. W. GEESLIN.

WM. MILLER.

The report was considered item by item.

A. Worman moved to amend Item 1 by saying "four" instead of "five."

C. H. KIRACOFE. I do not doubt the motives of any of the members of this Conference. I do not accuse any of having an ax to grind. But I do say if this Conference decides to have five bishops, our people will be disappointed. I think we have enough bishops. I love our bishops, but I love our church more. I love the church more than any member in it, and I think for our church four bishops are enough.

A. W. GEESLIN. We considered the work carefully. Our forces are scattered. The work of reconstruction has fully come.

CHAIR. I have no claims on this Conference. Please do not electioneer.

W. DILLON. I had thought of having only four bishops, but I now favor five for we can not think of giving up any of our bishops.

C. L. WOOD. I think we need only three.

J. E. HAM. We do not need five nor are we able to support them.

WM. MILLER. As a member of the committee I voted for this, because I thought the next four years will have more to do than the past quadrannium.

W. S. TITUS. It would not harmonize with the feelings of our people to have more than three bishops east of the Rocky Mountains.

The amendment carried.

J. M. Johnson led in prayer and Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1893.

After an hour's devotional exercises, led by C. L. Wood, the Conference was called to order at 9:00 o'clock by Bishop Barnaby.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

C. H. Kiracofe moved to reconsider the vote fixing 10:00 o'clock Friday, as the time of electing general officers.

S. Austin, C. L. Wood, J. Kenoyer and J. K. Alwood opposed the change, as the word had gone out and we probably would not be ready before Friday.

A. Worman, Wm. Dillon and M. Wright favored the change, to give the new boards time for meeting.

The motion prevailed.

After several amendments were offered and thoroughly discussed, it was agreed on motion to fix the time to elect the general officers, at two o'clock P. M., Thursday, May 25th.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that a committee of five, on Nominations, be appointed to nominate twice as many as are required, from whom to elect the general boards. Carried.

The publishing agent stated that he could not give a report of the legal funds as his book was in Dayton; and he wished to know whether the Conference would accept an estimate.

WM. DILLON. The report on Legal Funds was examined by Dr. Kiracofe and myself. It is all straight and regular, and I think we should hear the estimate.

The Conference consented.

An estimated report was then made.

M. WRIGHT. After litigation arose, I had charge of the expenses. I believe in some cases more expense has been incurred than necessary, but not more than was believed to be necessary at the time. The attorneys for the Liberals have just put in a bill for \$15,000. Our expenses have been very moderate in comparison with the other side. As to outside cases, I have labored hard. It will not be so burdensome as it has been. I think we have not only saved a thousand dollars, but many thousands.

Wm. Dillon said he thought the Conference should express its thanks to Bishop Wright for his discretion in this work, and he offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Conference are due and are hereby expressed to Bishop M. Wright, for his work in securing funds for legal expenses, for discreet management and economy, and we are grateful for the success that has attended these efforts.

The committee on Conference Picture stated that arrangements had been made with G. W. Oberlin, the artist, of Hudson, Indiana, to furnish

cabinet photographs of individuals, at \$1.50 per dozen, and ten cents for each additional ; cabinet groups of Conference at ten cents each ; groups, 10x12 inches, at fifty cents each ; groups, 14x17 inches, at \$1.00 each and groups 16x20 inches, at \$2.25 each.

The report of the committee on Superintendency, item 2, was taken up.

BISHOP BECKER. The Pacific coast desire their district to remain as it is and that they have a bishop of their own. They pledge themselves to build a bishops parsonage, centrally located. The territory is large: they need a resident bishop. If an eastern man go there and give up every eastern manner, he can succeed. But a bishop residing on the coast can succeed and I speak in behalf of the coast delegation, give them a resident bishop.

J. KENoyer spoke of the extent and vast resources of their territory, the opening and possibilities for our church there, and the emergency and urgent demands for a resident bishop.

BISHOP WRIGHT. Will the brethren pay the salary of a resident bishop?

J. KENOYER. Give us the money we raise and we will pay our own bishop.

H. O. KERNS. We feel that we must have a resident bishop. If we go home without our request being granted many will be discouraged.

Beck painted the Coast in glowing colors and predicted for it a most glorious future, and urged the Conference to take advantage of the present opportunity to establish the church there.

A. BENNETT. Give us a resident bishop and the expense will not be increased. We want him when we need him. Give us a man from the east if you can ; if not, we will accept the appointment of one already there.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. I am unsettled as to what is best : but I think by all means whoever is appointed should live there, or abandon the district and let the bishops alternate there.

Wm. Dillon thought the opinions of these delegates, the petitions from the three conferences, and the opinion of Bishop Becker had great weight, that we are going to have undisputed possession there in a short time, and he favored sending them a resident bishop.

A. Wormah thought the request should be granted, and that three bishops could do the work in the east.

Bishop Wright commended the services of Bishop Becker very highly, but asked, "Will it justify us *now* to give them a bishop?"

Bishop Becker said he did not expect to be returned to the coast as bishop. He thought the Board would not have to pay the expense after the first year. He also stated that he had refunded to the church every dollar of the money paid out to him.

The item was adopted.

Item three was read. B. G. Huber moved to amend so as to read "three" districts instead of "four."

The amendment prevailed.

The item as amended was adopted.

Adjourned at 11:45, with prayer by J. J. Margilleth.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotions led by J. M. Smiley, letters were read from absent delegates, D. W. Baker and J. Wilkison, and referred to the committee on Correspondence.

D. B. Sherk presented a resolution, signed by himself and William Dillon, that each annual conference appoint an historian to collect facts concerning the church, etc. Referred to the committee on State of the Church.

Committee No. 3 on Revision reported. The report was considered item by item, and adopted.

A motion to refer Section 5, pages 57, 58 of book of Discipline to Committee No. 3 on Revision carried.

C. H. Kiracofe read the report on Memoirs, which was adopted without discussion.

MEMOIRS.

REV. LEWIS DAVIS, D. D. was born and reared in Botetourt, now Craig County, Virginia. He was reared under the influence of a pious mother, to whom are attributed many of the religious principles which characterized his subsequent life. Although he became in after life a ripe scholar, his early education was very limited.

At about the age of nineteen or twenty he became a Christian, under the influence of the Methodists, but did not connect himself with the church until his twenty-fourth year, when he, for the first time, came under the influence of the United Brethren and joined them because of their humble simplicity and their opposition to secret societies.

After spending a short time in West Virginia, he came to southern Ohio, and in 1838, at the age of twenty-four, he was licensed to preach, and in 1839 joined the Scioto Conference, of which he continued a most useful member until his death. He traveled eight years as an itinerant minister, during which time, by the closest application to study, he became known as a scholar, and when the time came to inaugurate the educational work of the church, he was chosen for the arduous undertaking, and from that time until a few years before his death he was the recognized leader of our educational forces, and although for eight years, from 1857 to 1865, he filled the office of bishop, his connection with the educational work was not broken. To him, more than to any other man, is due the honor of overcoming the opposition to educational institutions manifest in the early history of the church, and all the success which has attended her educational enterprises.

Dr. Davis was a king among men—large, well proportioned, remarkably neat and dignified in person, social, genial, and sometimes jovial, he was eminently a companionable man; a safe and wise counselor, scrupulously exact and methodical in business, lofty and steadfast in purpose. As a preacher, plain, logical, always impressive, and frequently irresistible in power. As preacher, college agent, college president, as bishop, as senior professor in the Theological Seminary, as professor emeritus, and as a member of General Conference, Dr. L. Davis was a pioneer, a prince, and a leader. To no other man in her history does this church owe more than to Dr. Davis; therefore,

- Resolved*, 1. That in his death, our loss is great and seemingly irreparable.
2. That we will ever cherish and honor his memory, and seek to perpetuate and develop the principles in the propagation of which he spent his life.
3. That we set apart the second Thursday evening of this conference session to a memorial meeting, to be addressed by three members chosen by the Conference.

MILTON WRIGHT.

J. HOFFMINS.

C. H. KIRACOFE.

Thursday night was set apart for memorial services, and Bishop M. Wright, W. Dillon, and C. H. Kiracofe were selected as speakers.

The committee on Publishing Interests reported through the secretary, C. L. Wood:

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We appreciate the embarrassed condition in which our publishing interests were left after the division in 1889, and have great reason to rejoice that these interests have been as successfully managed as they have. We compliment the management of these interests on the large circulation of the *Christian Conservator* and Sabbath-school literature.

We recommend that the *Christian Conservator* be changed from its present form to magazine form, without increase of subscription price.

We concur in the recommendation of the trustees; namely, that the educational and missionary departments of the church be given a page each in the paper; and we further recommend that a column be given to the study of the Sabbath-school lesson from week to week.

Resolved, That we do elect one editor for the *Christian Conservator*, and that the Publishing Board be empowered to employ such editorial assistance as may be required upon the *Conservator* or Sabbath-school literature.

We further recommend that the Publishing Board, as soon as practicable, have compiled and published a suitable hymnal for the church, and that said publication be in word edition and edition with notes. Respectfully submitted.

W. S. TITUS.

J. K. NELSON.

I. M. THARP.

N. R. LUCE.

D. B. SHERK.

J. W. STEWART.

C. L. WOOD.

A motion to adopt item by item was adopted. Pending the consideration of the first item, Rev. S. B. Shaw, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the conference, and spoke as follows:

"I am glad to be here and to see the good spirit manifested. I am happily disappointed in finding so much humility among the ministry. God be with you."

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was read. Wm. Dillon asked what was meant by "magazine form."

W. S. Titus answered, "Something like the *Cynosure*."

Alleman asked, "Will it improve the capacity of the paper?"

M. Wright answered, "It would not improve the capacity of the paper materially, but it would be more accessible and more valuable to the church. We can make about twelve pages. Some of these depart-

ments may help us so we may make more. We may be able to make it sixteen pages.

Bishop Becker asked, "Does not this resolution bind the Publishing Board so that they can not advance the price?"

CHAIR. If we adopt that it becomes a law of the church.

Bishop Wright thought not.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. I think this is just right as it is. It is a recommendation to the Board and not a law.

WM. DILLON. I think when we adopt this it is binding on the Board. I think if you make it a sixteen page paper, you should allow the subscription price to be increased at their discretion.

J. K. ALWOOD. It is news to me that a motion passed by this body does not become a law of the church. If the Board is to fix the price, why should we say any thing about it. I move it be stricken out.

J. KENOYER. I think we should adopt the paper. We do not order them to do it, but we recommend them.

M. WRIGHT. I think Bro. Kenoyer has the right idea. This has only the force of a recommendation. I should not like to be on a board with iron rules. It is very important that the conference speak its opinion, that it may go out to the church.

WM. DILLON. This report is all right as it is and we are wasting time.

A. Worman thought the recommendation was not to the Board but to the Conference. Bishop Becker said substantially the same.

Adjourned at 5:00 o'clock. E. Atkinson lead in prayer.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1893.

C. H. Kiracofé conducted devotional services for one hour, after which, at 9:00 o'clock, Bishop H. Floyd called the house to order. The roll was called; the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The chair announced A. B. Powell, Wm. Miller, C. H. Kiracofé, J. K. Nelson and A. W. Geeslin, as the committee on Nominations.

C. H. Kiracofé moved to authorize the committee on Editing the Discipline to make verbal changes, so as to correct and harmonize the language. Carried.

A. Worman read a resolution in reference to a constitution for Y. P. S. C. E. societies, which was referred to the committee on Superintendency.

N. R. Luce announced that the collection taken last evening amounted to \$193.17 in cash, \$22.00 in subscription; total \$215.17.

The report on Publishing Interests was again taken up. Item 1 was adopted.

BISHOP BECKER. I do hope that the report will not be adopted. Let us not vote to keep the price down. Let us branch out.

D. B. SHERK. I speak for the committee. While you and I would have the paper at two, or three, dollars, there are many in the church who would not. Those are the very ones we desire to reach.

WM. DILLON. I want you to notice the force of a recommendation when adopted. I think you ought to carry this amendment.

C. L. WOOD. I look at this as having the force of a recommendation. We do not require it.

Item 2 was read.

BISHOP WRIGHT. I think this is quite a gift to these various departments, and would like to have them give remuneration in proportion to the space they have.

C. L. WOOD. We mean to have them remunerate. It is so understood.

The item was adopted.

Item 3 was read. C. H. Kiracofe moved to amend by striking out, "We recommend," and inserting, "Resolved that we do."

J. K. ALWOOD. I do not see how that makes it any stronger.

BISHOP BARNABY. I do not see any difficulty about this. What we *do* we do not recommend.

Amendment carried.

The item as amended was adopted.

Item 4, relating to a Hymnal, was read.

A. W. GEESLIN. Was it the intention of this report that this shall be published and sent out before next General Conference?

CHAIR. I think it is to be left to the decision of the Board.

BISHOP WRIGHT. There has been a great demand for the hymnal. It is a matter of much importance. A committee for this purpose should be composed of members that are judges of poetry and of harmony, that are of eminent piety. We want no shoddy affair. It should not be more than half as large as Hymns for the Sanctuary.

C. L. WOOD. I would like to call the attention of the house, that this carries with it only the force of a recommendation.

The item was adopted.

W. H. Clay read the report of Committee No. 9 on Revision.

Z. McNew moved to adopt item by item. Lost.

Motion to adopt as a whole carried.

D. B. SHERK. Our counties do not incorporate boards of trustees. It will cost us thousands of dollars, if this must be carried out.

BISHOP WRIGHT. Courts in Ohio do not require our boards to incorporate. Indiana does, but not by the name "incorporate;" and it may cause some difficulty.

W. DILLON. This shows that we can not reach this except in consideration of the report item by item.

W. A. OLER. I move to reconsider the vote to adopt as a whole.

Carried, and conference proceeded to consider it item by item, and after amending several of the items, adopted it as amended.

Bishop Barnaby moved that the manner of electing the General Board, as provided for by the Committee No. 9, and the title by which it shall be known, be referred to a committee of three. Carried.

Committee: Bishop Barnaby, Bishop Becker, and C. H. Kiracofe.

After prayer by W. A. Oler, conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional services, led by R. D. McCormack, the house was called to order by Bishop Floyd.

By request of Bishop Barnaby, the special order for the hour, viz: the election of general officers, was postponed to hear the report of the special committee appointed before noon.

Bishop Barnaby read the report, which was adopted. The special order was then taken up.

D. B. Sherk moved that we elect a bishop for the Coast district first. The motion prevailed.

The vote by ballot was taken and resulted as follows:

VOTE FOR BISHOP—PACIFIC DISTRICT.

H. J. Becker	37
Wm. Dillon	16
H. L. Barclay	1
J. K. Alwood	2
H. Floyd	1

Whole number of votes cast, 57. H. J. Becker was elected.

Bishop Becker thanked the conference for the large vote, and asked the Chair to read his resignation.

The conference again cast their ballots for bishop of the Pacific Coast, which resulted as follows:

Wm. Dillon	43
Wm. Miller	4
H. L. Barclay	3
J. K. Alwood	3
W. H. Clay	2
H. Floyd	1

Wm. Dillon, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected.

The balloting for three bishops for the districts east of the Rocky Mountains resulted as follows:

VOTE FOR BISHOPS.

H. Floyd	56
M. Wright	52
H. T. Barnaby	49
H. J. Becker	8
J. K. Alwood	3
Wm. Miller	1
C. H. Kiracofe	1
J. K. Nelson	1

M. Wright, H. Floyd, H. T. Barnaby, each having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared elected. Upon motion their election was made unanimous.

The vote for editor resulted as follows:

VOTE FOR EDITOR.

C. H. Kiracofe	46
H. J. Becker	11
C. L. Wood	11
B. G. Huber	1
M. F. Keiter	1

C. H. Kiracofe, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected editor of our church paper.

Wm. Dillon moved to suspend the order of election, and elect Missionary Secretary. The motion prevailed by a vote of more than two-thirds of the members.

The vote for Missionary Secretary was as follows:

VOTE FOR MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

H. J. Becker	51
B. G. Huber	3
M. M. Titus	2
Wm. Miller	2
W. H. Clay	2
Z. McNew	1

H. J. Becker having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected.

The votes for Editor and Missionary Secretary were made unanimous.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that the special order be suspended until we can hear reports that must be made before the Nominating Committee can complete its work. Carried.

Barnaby moved to suspend the rules and instruct the committee on Nominations to bring before the house three names from which to select a Publishing Agent who shall also act as a Missionary Treasurer. The motion prevailed.

Kiracofe moved that four more names be added to the committee on Nominations. Agreed to.

The chair announced B. G. Huber, J. McBride, C. L. Wood and W. S. Titus, as additional members of the Nominating Committee.

The joint report of committee on Education and Committee No. 9. on Revision was read by W. H. Davis.

C. Bender moved to adopt the report item by item. Carried.

The report was adopted with one amendment, changing the beneficiary appropriation from 20 to 5 per cent. of the general collections.

E. J. Moody read the report of the committee on Boundaries.

S. Austin moved to adopt.

C. H. Kiracofe moved to amend by refering to the committee on Missions all of the report pertaining to missions. Amendment carried.

J. T. Alleman moved that the report be so amended as to attach North Ohio conference to the Northwest District. Agreed to.

B. G. Huber moved to amend second item so as to say that the boundary lines of Pennsylvania conference remain as they are, and the Virginia and Maryland conferences be consolidated.

The proposed amendment produced considerable discussion, led by B. G. Huber, J. M. Smiley, and J. K. Nelson. Pending the consideration of the amendment, conference adjourned, after prayer by B. Hamp, of Michigan.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1893.

J. T. Allaman led the devotional services. Bishop Becker presided. Roll was called, and the journal read, amended and approved.

J. Stahl read a paper calling for a catechetical manuel. It was referred to the committee on Publishing Interests.

J. K. Alwood moved that the Book Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of publishing the life of Dr. Davis. It prevailed.

J. Kenoyer moved that the Book Committee consider the propriety of preparing a text-book on Theology. The motion prevailed.

C. W. Bachus asked to be excused from further attendance of the conference. His request, by motion, was granted.

Consideration of the report of the committee on Boundaries was resumed. The second item, also B. G. Huber's amendment, were re-read.

J. M. Johnson offered the following substitute for the amendment:

That the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia conferences be united in one, known as the Pennsylvania conference; provided that at any time during the quadrennium, if the Board of Bishops think best, they shall be empowered to restore the present boundary lines, or any part thereof.

The substitute prevailed, and the report as amended was adopted.

C. H. Kiracofe read a report of Committee No. 11, on Form of Bequests, which was adopted.

Revision Committee No. 3 reported the item which had been recommended to them, referring to classification of ministers.

A. Bennett moved its adoption. It was then discussed by Kiracofe, Allaman, Barnaby, Dillon, Wright, and Floyd; then, on motion of Kiracofe, it was recommitted.

A. W. Geeslin reported for Committee No. 2, on Revision, page 39, Sections 14 and 15, which report was discussed, amended, and adopted.

A. G. Johnson read the report of the committee on Incorporation.

J. M. Johnson moved the adoption of the report.

M. WRIGHT. I think we are not ready to adopt. There is a possibility that two of this number may remove from the state of Ohio, and it is necessary that a majority of the Board reside in that state.

Floyd moved to recommit the report to committee on Incorporation and committee on Nominations. Prevailed.

Bishop Barnaby moved to amend item 2, page 70. After considerable discussion, it was adopted as follows:

The presiding elders of the past and present years, with an equal number of preachers who do not expect to be employed, elected by ballot by the annual conference, and the presiding bishop, shall constitute etc. the Stationing committee.

N. R. Luce read a partial report of committee on Correspondence in which the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to M. V. Crom; also to send a telegram of greeting to the Presbyterian General Assembly, convened at Washington D. C. Adopted.

Bishop Floyd moved that we instruct the committee on Correspondence to make nominations of persons who shall be sent as delegates to other fraternal bodies. The motion prevailed.

E. J. Moody read the report of Committee No. 7, on Revision, pages 101 to 116.

Wyatt moved to adopt the report item by item. Carried.

The motion to adopt the first item was lost.

A. G. Johnson moved that the remainder of the report lie on the table. Motion prevailed.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by D. O. Tussing.

A. G. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote adopting the Boundary committee's report. Carried.

M. Wright moved to amend, That all the territory not now embraced in the boundaries of the districts as they now exist, but contiguous thereto, shall be embraced in said boundaries. Carried.

The report as amended carried.

Miss M. M. Titus, president of the Woman's Missionary Association, read their report, which is as follows:

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

To the General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ in Quadrennial Session in Hudson, Indiana, assembled.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In the name of our common Father and in the interests of his dear Son our Savior, I bring you with pleasure Christian greetings from the Woman's Missionary Association of this church. May grace, peace and mercy abide with you in all of your deliberations for the promotion of Christ and the ultimate establishment of his kingdom. We come to make to this body the fourth quadrennial report of our organization, and pledge our allegiance to the missionary interests of the church of our choice. We come with feelings of mingled sorrow and joy; of sorrow, because of estrangements and separation among those who for so many years stood shoulder to shoulder in building up the various departments of a church whose spirituality and distinctive principles placed it among the foremost churches in moral reform; of joy, because we are yet permitted under our own vine and fig tree to continue the well begun work of the early fathers of this church, and later to lay upon God's altar, with his signal approval, woman's consecrated talents to be used in bringing the world to Christ.

Our circumstances and surroundings differ somewhat from those of the last quadrennial session. The cloud which hung heavily over the General Conference at York, Pennsylvania, and which, when cleared away, left two churches in the place of one, clearly foreshadowed what was to come to the Woman's Missionary Association, and we come not to speak of uninterrupted success in our work from a human standpoint, but we come feeling, however humble be the effort or offering, if done in the name of the dear Master, he has the power to multiply it many fold. Our work has largely been the gathering up and reuniting of the broken links of the chain severed by the going out from among us of those who affiliate with the new church. Empty handed and disorganized, sufficient fragments were not collected the first year of the quadrennium to arrange for the usual annual session; but by the second year of the quadrennium, branches had been reorganized and locals formed, and the annual meeting was held at the usual time, with delegates from seven branch organizations.

A board of trustees was elected and plans formulated for the advancement of the work. It was at this session that we most painfully felt the great loss incurred. For fourteen years had we helped to make the Association what it was at the time of the division. \$96,204.41 had been collected; mission work had been opened in Portland Oregon, China, Germany, and Africa. In those missions were employed seven American and fourteen native missionaries. These missions had a united membership of 936, and property valued at \$26,500. The *Woman's Evangel* was the organ of the Association. This accumulation of funds and establishing of missions was effected under the regulations of the old church, but by the ecclesiastical storm which rent in twain our church home, it swept from us that for which our hands and brains had toiled and our prayers had been offered. But God's blessing in copious showers fell upon us, and whispers of "Be strong, and of good courage, and be not dismayed: I will help thee—give thee aid," were heard, and the willing-hearted and wise-hearted of our women wrought with their hands, their intellects and their wills, and now lay before you the approximate result of their efforts:

ORGANIZATIONS.

Branch organizations have been effected in twenty-five conference territories, with a membership of 1,450, and 580 children have been enlisted.

FINANCES.

Received in cash during quadrennium	\$3921 26
On subscription	370 00
Disbursed	2551 32
Cash in treasury	1369 94

MISSION FIELDS HELPED.

Help has been contributed to different home and frontier fields, and some to foreign

work. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Chambersburg, reports through our Association the work done by them in Africa, and direct from our treasury has been sent fifty dollars for the support of a school in a territory adjoining that occupied by D. K. Wilberforce, where no Christian instruction is being given and the call is earnest. Portland and Salem Missions in Oregon, California, East and West Nebraska, Elkhorn, Neosho, Kansas and Lower Wabash have been helped, as opportunities offered, by the Woman's Board. Of the results we can only speak in part. At Salem Mission, in Oregon, advancement has been made. Good congregations, an interesting Sunday-school, and arrangements to build a church are the outcome of a discouraging beginning at the opening of the year. Portland Mission bids fair to be a success. A devoted laborer, well sustained to give his time unreservedly to the work, is thought to be the one thing needed to insure success.

The work in Lower Wabash territory is hopeful. Three organizations have been effected, between seventy-five and a hundred members have been enrolled, and arrangements are being made to build a new church at one point. How much strength has been received by the church at other points the future alone will reveal. The little that we may seem to have accomplished, as compared with other missionary organizations, may appear to some insignificant, but when we remember that it is promised that "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation," we take courage, press forward, and leave results with Him who is able to multiply the barley loaves and fishes until the hunger of a great multitude is satisfied.

Bishop Barnaby, after moving that the Conference heartily approve the report and the work done by the Woman's Missionary Association, said, "I want to say that I, like Paul, am now found preaching the faith I once destroyed. Now I most earnestly repent, and I close my remarks with an earnest invocation for God's blessing on our Woman's Missionary Association.

M. WRIGHT. Our sisters have done grandly and the field is opening for them.

C. H. KIRACOFFE. Our sisters have made an increase of nearly twenty hundred per cent. in the last four years.

W. S. TITUS. I did not have to be converted as Bro. Barnaby, but have always been in favor of giving them their full rights. We do not know what our women can do. Give them a chance and they will show what they can do.

H. FLOYD. A model church is one that brings into work all its forces. I never had to be converted to the idea of giving women room to work, and I think we should give the sisters all they can do.

J. K. NELSON. I was deeply impressed and delighted when our women took this work into their hands. I have found it a great help in the work. It makes it easier to collect funds. I get a better salary and can do better work. Thank the Lord for the W. M. A.

J. K. ALWOOD. I do not remember the time when I was opposed to women doing all the church work they could.

The motion prevailed.

E. C. WYATT read the report of the committee on Missions and Church Erection:

MISSIONARY REPORT.

We your committee on Missions and Church Erection would submit the following report:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to the Parent Board that they open a foreign mission as soon as practicable.

2. That we set apart the first week of January in each year as a week of self-denial in the interest of foreign missions.

3. That the Children's Day collections be used for missions.

4. That the conferences shall be divided into three classes. The first class, consisting of Anglaize, North Ohio, and White River, shall pay one-half of the funds collected for missions general to the Parent Board. The second class, consisting of Central Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Rock River, and Sandusky shall pay one-third. The third class, consisting of Arkansas Valley, California, East Des Moines, Nebraska, East Ohio, Erie, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Neosho, North Michigan, Ontario, Oregon, Scioto, St. Joseph, Upper Wabash, Walla Walla, West Des Moines, West Kansas, Wisconsin, and all other conferences that may be reorganized, within the quadrennium shall pay one-fourth.

5. All the conferences in the first and second classes shall be self-supporting.

6. Any of the conferences in the third class, not already mission conferences, may become such on application, if the application is approved by the Board or its executive committee.

7. We recommend that the annual conferences make the usual assessments and collections for the Church Erection Fund.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ.
E. C. WYATT.
W. S. TITUS.
S. S. SIMS.
J. W. STEWART.
WM. DILLON.
J. NOEL.

B. G. Huber moved that it be adopted item by item. Carried.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were read and adopted. The fourth item was read. After some discussion the item was adopted.

Items 5, 6, and 7 were adopted.

The committee on nominations proposed the following names for Publishing Agent: M. F. Keiter, C. L. Wood, S. L. Livingston.

M. WRIGHT. I love all these brethren, but I am thinking of the debt on the publishing house. I do not see how, if we elect one of these brethren, we can support him. I move the nomination of C. H. Kiracofé.

BISHOP BARNABY. We are not limited to these names: we are at liberty to vote for whom we please.

Balloting for Publishing Agent was as follows:

VOTE FOR PUBLISHING AGENT.

C. H. Kiracofé	22
M. F. Keiter	15
W. H. Clay	10
S. L. Livingston	5
C. L. Wood	2
I. M. Tharp	2
B. G. Huber	1
N. D. Wolfard	1

Whole number, 58. Necessary to choice, 30. No one having received that number, a second ballot was taken, with the following result:

C. H. Kiracofe	35
M. F. Keiter	16
S. L. Livingston	1
C. L. Wood	1
W. H. Clay	1
I. M. Tharp	1
W. S. Titus	1

Total number of votes cast, 56. C. H. Kiracofe, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected.

The report of committee on Nominations for Missionary Treasurer was recommitted.

Thirty names were presented from whom to elect the Board of Trustees for Union Biblical Seminary.

Pending the vote, H. Floyd moved to amend item 1, page 49 of Discipline, by adding, "Provided, however, that the General Boards of the church may be elected by a plurality" vote. Carried.

W. Dillon moved that the foregoing amendment go into effect immediately. Carried.

The conference then proceeded to ballot for members of the several general boards of the church.

A. G. Johnson and L. S. Wilmoth were appointed to count the ballots for Trustees of Union Biblical Seminary; J. E. Ham and O. G. Alwood were appointed to collect and count the ballots for members of the Board of Missions.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that Bishop Wright be president of the Board of Missions, and the other three bishops, vice presidents. Adopted.

J. K. Nelson and A. R. Laudy were appointed to collect and count the ballots for members of the General Sabbath-School Board.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that W. H. Clay be elected secretary of the Sabbath-School Board. Carried.

The vote for the Board of Education was cast and placed in the hands of a board of tellers.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Bishop H. T. Barnaby.

NINTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1893.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. A. Oler, consisting of prayer and testimony.

The regular session was called to order at nine o'clock, Bishop M. Wright in the chair.

The roll was called: minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, A call has been issued to anti-secret churches to assemble in a congress in Chicago, in September, 1893; and,

WHEREAS, The church of the United Brethren in Christ has always stood in the front rank against organized secret societies and combinations; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, assembled in regular session in the town of Hudson, Indiana, elect two delegates to represent the church of the United Brethren in Christ in said congress.

P. BECK.

J. RILEY.

Bishop H. Floyd and Bishop H. J. Becker were elected to represent our church at that congress.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that the supervision of our church litigation be left in the hands of Bishop M. Wright for the next quadrennium.

BISHOP BARNABY. I wish to inquire whether this arrangement places the whole responsibility, in all the states, upon Bishop Wright?

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. He would have the same sort of supervision that he has had during the last four years.

J. K. ALWOOD. I move that the motion be so amended that Bishops Floyd and Barnaby be associated with Bishop Wright in this matter.

J. K. NELSON. I support the motion.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. I think it would not be best that this arrangement should be made. The responsibility will necessarily rest upon one man.

Amendment lost.

The original motion carried.

A paper was presented by Z. McNew in reference to Hartsville College, which, after discussion, was amended and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a report in circulation to the effect that Hartsville College is to be removed in the near future; and,

WHEREAS, This report is injurious to the present and future prosperity of this institution of learning; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference has no authority to remove Hartsville College from Hartsville, Indiana; but that it is in full sympathy with all of the interests of the college, and bids it God speed.

Z. McNEW.

W. A. OLER.

JOHN RILEY.

J. M. JOHNSON.

C. Bender moved that the place of holding the next General Conference be left to the decision of the Board of Bishops. Carried.

C. H. Kiracofe presented the following resolution which was adopted:

We the General Conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, assembled at Hudson, Indiana, May 27, 1893, hereby declare, that the body which held its meetings in Park Opera House in the city of York, Pa., after the division in the General Conference of 1889, was the true General Conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, and its proceedings legal and binding on the church.

2. That body which held its meetings in York Opera House in the city of York, Pa., after the division, was a revolutionary body, and its proceedings and enactments illegal and in no sense binding upon the true and original church of the United Brethren in Christ.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ.
WM. MILLER.

Bishop Wright inquired what was the pleasure of the house in regard to the time of holding the next General Conference.

Barnaby moved that the next General Conference begin on the fourth Thursday of May, 1897, at 2:00 o'clock.

C. B. SHERK. I move to amend by saying the third Thursday in May.

H. T. BARNABY. I think it would suit the majority better to have it later.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion carried.

J. T. ALLAMAN. I move that B. G. Huber be one of the committee on Editing Discipline.

BISHOP DILLON. Bro. Huber being at some distance I move to amend by appointing C. H. Kiracofé and Milton Wright.

The amendment carried.

The motion as amended was adopted.

J. K. ALWOOD. I move that the new Discipline as revised go into effect as soon as possible.

BISHOP DILLON. I think a definite time should be stated.

H. T. BARNABY. Some of our conferences will be held the first of August, and we should have our new Discipline there. I move to amend by saying the first of August.

The motion as amended carried.

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. I wish to call attention to the matter of publishing the Discipline. The co-ordination and classification of the general topics are very defective, and should be amended.

S. W. KERN. I move to authorize the editing committee to arrange as they deem best. Carried.

Ballots were cast for the General Board of Trustees for the church, and submitted to a board of tellers.

The conference took up the question of electing a Missionary Treasurer. The question called out some remarks touching the work required, etc. Pending the election of Missionary Treasurer, C. H. Kiracofé offered his resignation of the office of Publishing Agent, stating that he deemed this the best for the accomplishment of the best results, as the burdens necessarily crowding upon him would make it unwise for him to undertake the duties of the Publishing Agent.

Considerable discussion was occasioned by this resignation.

CHAIR. Do you make your resignation absolute?

C. H. KIRACOFÉ. I do not make it absolute. I would not dare to

do so, but I most sincerely request to be relieved from the position, but in the spirit of the Master will abide the decision of the Conference.

S. AUSTIN. I move that we request Bro. Kiracofe not to resign.

Pending action on this motion, conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop H. Floyd.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The bishops being absent, Bishop-elect, W. Dillon called the house to order, and E. J. Moody led in prayer.

At 2:15 Bishop M. Wright took the chair, and the unfinished business before the house, which was the motion to request C. H. Kiracofe to withdraw his resignation, was taken up, and the motion was lost.

C. BENDER. I move that the resignation be accepted. The motion prevailed.

The conference proceeded to the election of Publishing Agent.

Fifty-six votes were cast, of which M. F. Keiter received 31; S. L. Livingston, 10; C. H. Kiracofe, 5; C. L. Wood, 4; W. H. Clay, 3; B. G. Huber, 2; A. Worman, 1.

M. F. Keiter, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected.

Next in order was the balloting for Missionary Treasurer with the following result:

M. F. Keiter	35
H. J. Becker	12
M. Wright	4
C. H. Kiracofe	3
S. L. Livingston	2
B. G. Huber	1

Whole number of votes cast, 57. M. F. Keiter having received a majority of all the votes cast was duly elected.

The committee on incorporation made report which was amended and adopted as follows.

1. We recommend the incorporation of the Church under the laws of —.
2. That the General Board of Trustees be constituted the Board for the Incorporation of the Church.

A. B. POWELL, *Chairman*.

A. W. GEESLIN, *Secretary*.

W. H. CLAY. I move that the General Board of Trustees be authorized to fill all vacancies which may occur within the quadrennium.

Adopted.

Committee No. 3, on Revision, page 56 of Discipline reported on matter recommended to them. Report adopted.

WM. MILLER. I move to strike out all of page 167 in Discipline.

Motion adopted.

H. FLOYD. As we have stricken out the formula, I move that we

strike out the instructions included in parenthesis on page 73, and insert "in writing."

Motion carried.

The committee on the State of the Church and Country reported and the report was amended and adopted as follows:

STATE OF THE CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

We your committee on State of the Church and Country beg leave to submit the following:

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

That we, as a great nation, are at peace with all other nations is a matter of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Pestilence and famine have not visited our shores, but health and plenty have been lavished upon us, for which we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God. We will pray that these blessings be perpetuated and the Divine approval continue to rest upon us. We believe that all national disputes should be settled by arbitration.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF THE COUNTRY.

While there are many things in the Christian world that are to be deplored by the advocates of truth and righteousness; such, for instance, as the persistent efforts put forth by the enemies of truth, who are engaged in publishing and distributing infidel and other pernicious literature, thereby poisoning the minds of so many of the youth of our land; also the efforts of those who are by every conceivable scheme endeavoring to counteract the onward march in the temperance cause; and of the very many who are suffering their voice, their influence and their means to be used in favor of idolatry, especially as practiced in Christless secret societies.

Yet we see very many things which are encouraging. The facilities by which to reach the masses with good and wholesome religious instruction are increasing, and many are contributing their time and money in this direction, more being done now, perhaps, than at any other time in the history of the world, on this line. It is also true that even popular sentiment is growing in favor of putting down the liquor traffic in most places, and certainly the moral energies of the world are being aroused, as evidenced by the fact that the best talents in the world are employed in this reform. Also in regard to the evils of secrecy it is evident from the results of the recent strikes, etc. that the principle carries in it the elements that will eventually prove its own destruction, at least in the estimation of the conscientiously pure.

All this, together with the fact that the orthodox Christian world are more united in heart and effort to-day than ever before, and the nations of the world more universally disposed to beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning hooks, thus admitting the missionary into every known land or country.

We rejoice in the fact that the moral principles in respect to vital Godliness and separation from the world advocated by us as a church are being sustained, and we have reason to believe that by our recent conflict our sphere of operations will be greatly enlarged by being more prominently brought before the world.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Christian Church is the pillar and ground of truth; the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We rejoice to know that our church from its origin has stood in the front ranks of the reform forces of our country. Under the blessings of God it took deep root and filled the land. But in an evil hour the wild beast of the field wasted it. The defection of those who went out from us, under the new constitution, hindered us much. We have, to a large extent, been locked out of our church houses. As a result of this, many of our people are scattered abroad, and without church privileges of their own. More earnest and persevering efforts should be made to supply them with pastors and church privileges. We need more and more of the missionary spirit, of the spirit of Christ, to lead us out into

these reedy fields. The harvest is plenteous and the ingathering will be glorious. We have the money, if we have the will, and we believe God will give the men. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Our schools and missions have been perverted from the purposes for which they were founded. Our publishing house also has been, and is being, perverted to the overthrow of the Church in whose interest it was established. Yet God has wonderfully blessed us. That so many of our people were deceived and led astray, is a source of sadness to our hearts. With feelings of kindness for the erring, and a firm determination to maintain the right, we will press forward. Conformity to the world has ever been a source of weakness and disaster to the church. If the afflictions, persecutions, and injuries, which we have suffered at the hands of the enemies of our beloved Zion, purify us, even as by fire, we will thank God. If in the providence of God our property is restored, we will be thankful; if not restored, we will also be thankful, and build again the waste places, believing that the latter house will have more glory than the former. The prosperity of the church depends upon her fidelity to God and his truth. A tree planted by those waters brings forth his fruit in his season. What the Lord requires of the individual he requires of the church: "To do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." We have reason for thanksgiving to the Father of all mercies for the general harmony and prosperity which has obtained among us during the past quadrennium, and for the manifestations of his presence with us now. The pillar of cloud and of fire is leading, and we may safely follow. God has a great work for this church to accomplish; and only by separation from the world and consecration to the blessed Christ, can we fulfill the requirement. The silver lining is in the clouds. At no time in our history has the voice of God more clearly said: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations."

With the Holy Spirit to lead us, and the love of Christ to fill our hearts, and the God of Elijah to fight our battles, we may with confidence go forward.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Our nation is cursed with the rum traffic, and thousands of our citizens are corrupted by its influence; and,

WHEREAS, The use of rum dethrones reason, destroys the peace of home, deprives women and children of the rights and the protection guaranteed to them in the Constitution of the Republic; and,

WHEREAS, The enormity of the evil is further apparent, in that it stimulates the arm of the assassin, corrupts politicians, clogs the wheels of commerce, strikes a death-blow at the foundation of government, seeks to destroy the purity of the church, fills our almshouses with paupers, our prisons with criminals, destroys the souls of men, and is, therefore, in open rebellion against God and heaven; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, as members of this conference, enter our solemn protest against the government in any way legalizing or fostering this mother of crimes, believing that to license it, whether the license be high or low, means its promulgation, and is a sin against our country and in the sight of God.

2. That we, as ministers of Jesus Christ, will do all in our power to secure the legal prohibition of the traffic, and that we will instruct our people to labor earnestly to exterminate this curse from the land.

3. That we, as Christian ministers, will not knowingly vote with any political party, or for any man to fill any office of trust, until said party or said man shall declare in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic; and we will advise our people not to give their franchises to any political party that is not openly and avowedly opposed to the saloon in every form, it being the sense of this body that no political party has the right to expect the support of any Christian, so long as that party is, in any way, in favor of the saloon; and we assert our belief, that in this nineteenth century, nothing short of the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic will satisfy the better class of true American citizens, nor meet our obligations to God.

SABBATH.

We as Christians favor the observance of the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath, and hold that it should be observed sacredly as a day of rest, and worship, and we maintain that it should not be desecrated in any way by a Christian nation.

A supplementary report on Publishing Interests was read by C. L. Wood as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Resolved, 1. That the Publishing Board be authorized, if they find it practicable, to procure for the church the unpublished lectures of the late Dr. L. Davis, and publish it in neat and substantial form.

2. That the same board be instructed, should they find it practicable so to do, to have the catechetical work of Bishop Edwards, now deceased, revised and published, making it suited to the needs of the youth of the church.

W. S. TITUS.
J. K. NELSON.
I. M. THARP.
N. R. LUCE.
D. B. SHERK.
J. W. STEWART.
C. L. WOOD.

A motion to adopt was made.

H. J. BECKER. I do not know how much it would cost us to publish Dr. Davis' lectures. I move to amend so as to say "not less than one thousand" copies.

The amendment prevailed and the report as amended was adopted.

The completed report of the committee on Correspondence was read by N. R. Luce and was adopted as follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We your committee on Correspondence, having under our consideration communications from M. V. Crom, the delegate elect from Rock River conference, J. Appleby, of Wisconsin conference, James Wilkison, of Neosho conference, and D. W. Baker, of East Des Moines conference, hereby acknowledge the receipt of their communications and recommend that the secretary answer the letter of Brother M. V. Crom, and extend to him our Christian sympathy in his affliction, and regret his inability to be with us.

We recommend that our Christian greetings to the Presbyterian General Assembly, now in session in Washington, D. C., be forwarded to that body, signed by our senior bishop and the secretary of the Conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Your committee on Correspondence would further recommend that the appointment of fraternal delegates from this General Conference to our sister churches be left to the Board of Bishops, and also the churches to which such delegates may be sent. In behalf of the committee,

N. R. LUCE, *Secretary*.

The following Supplementary report of committee on Superintendency was read by J. K. Alwood:

We your committee on Superintendency, to whom was referred a paper requesting that the Board of Bishops be constituted a committee to frame a constitution for a Christian Endeavor Society, recommend that this matter be left to the discretion of the bishops. Respectfully submitted.

WM. MILLER.
A. W. GEESLIN.
J. K. ALWOOD.

On motion of C. H. Kiracofe it was adopted.

W. S. TITUS. I move that two be added to the committee on superintendency, to fix the bishop's salaries.

Motion was adopted.

The chair appointed Z. McNew and W. S. Titus.

C. H. KIRACOFE. Do we understand that the Coast district is not represented on this committee?

CHAIR. We are so informed.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that the name of P. Beck be added. Adopted.

C. H. Kiracofe moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet after the services this evening. Carried.

On motion of H. T. Barnaby an amendment was made to Discipline, page 63.

The committee on Superintendency reported, recommending that the salaries of the bishops be fixed at \$1,000.

A motion was made to adopt.

A motion was made to amend by saying \$1,200.

H. J. BECKER. I think \$1,000 is inadequate, unless we arrange to pay their traveling expenses in addition.

S. Austin. I know our bishops will not get enough to make them rich or proud at \$1 000, but I think we ought all to suffer together.

H. T. BARNABY. I wish you could have had this discussion in the absence of the bishops. Speaking only for myself I will say that I would much rather you would leave it at \$1,000 for this reason, that all will feel better if it is payed, and it will not be should it be fixed at \$1,200.

W. S. TITUS. *I think it is not advisable to have the salary so high that it will create such desire to be a bishop. I am not in favor of raising the salary.

W. MILLER. I believe I think just as much of our bishops as any man in in this conference, and all things considered, I think this is as it should be. I favor that we stand on a level platform.

H. FLOYD. I would feel just as well satisfied if you would leave it as it is, but would suggest that if preachers would do their duty on their fields of labor they would not have so hard a time at conference to raise it.

C. L. WOOD. I know it is not what it ought to be, but it is better than to make it higher and not pay it. I am in favor of making it \$1,000 and traveling expenses.

The report of the committee was adopted.

M. WRIGHT. Will you allow me a word? When your bishops go to visit their several conferences, except to hold regular sessions, their expenses should be paid.

Ballots were cast for General Manager of Union Biblical Seminary.

Z. McNew received 27 votes and was declared elected.

Conference adjourned. Prayer by S. B. McGrew. Benediction by Bishop Dillon.

EVENING SESSION.

After sermon by Bishop Wright a short session of Conference was held.

H. J. Becker read the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote of members of Conference and visitors:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we the members of this General Conference offer the citizens of Hudson and the surrounding community our sincere and hearty thanks for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have given us. We will pray that the Divine guidance may always be over them in all their affairs in life, and that they may be prospered in every laudable enterprise in which they engage.

2. That the splendid business dispatch of the entertainment committee, consisting of Rev. J. E. Bodine, Rev. D. Clark, Rev. A. B. Lilly and Geo. Oberlin, deserve special mention and our sincerest gratitude.

3. That we thank the several railroad companies for their favors to delegates of this General Conference.

4. That we appreciate the courtesies of the press of our country and of Ontario, for their extensive publications of the proceedings of this conference, and express to them our sincere gratitude.

5. That Rev. A. H. Tussing, the genial and obliging postmaster of the Conference, has won our esteem, and is entitled to our most hearty thanks for his faithful attention to our necessities.

6. That we here express our supremest love and sympathy one for another; and that we will seek to labor as co-workers together with Christ, and in honor to prefer others to ourselves; and that we will ever seek to aid those whom we have chosen to fill the several general offices of the conference, so that every interest of the church may be made to contribute to the greatest good of our people and to the consummate glory of God.

7. That we tender to our presiding bishops our unfeigned thanks for the impartial manner in which they have presided over our deliberations.

H. J. BECKER.

I. M. THARP.

H. J. Becker moved that C. H. Kiracofe, Editor, and M. F. Keiter, Publishing Agent, be a committee to see to publishing the minutes in pamphlet form. Carried.

J. Kenoyer moved that the Publishing Board be requested to publish a cheap edition of the revised Discipline. Motion adopted.

The minutes of the day's session were read corrected and approved.

D. B. Sherk moved to adjourn.

Remarks were made by Bishop Wright, Bishop Dillon, Bishop Floyd, Bishop Barnaby, H. J. Becker, C. H. Kiracofe and M. F. Keiter, after which the 21st session of the General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ adjourned *sine die*.

EVENING AND SUNDAY SERVICES.

On the first Thursday evening of the conference, Father Riley, of Indiana, preached quite an acceptable sermon to a large and appreciative audience.

Friday evening M. F. Keiter, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, occupied the pulpit.

E. C. Wyatt, of Oregon, preached to the people in the U. B. Church Saturday evening, and C. L. Wood, of Michigan, to the Methodist congregation.

Sabbath morning quite early the people commenced congregating from the various sections of the surrounding country, and by nine o'clock the crowds were immense. Bishop Wright preached to an overflowing audience at the United Brethren Church a sermon which was masterly, profound in thought, and delivered with unction and power. The experience meeting preceeding the preaching service was indeed a precious season of grace.

Bishops Barnaby, Floyd and Becker preached Sunday morning in the Methodist, Reformed and Lake Valley Churches, respectively. Their sermons were spoken of as able and interesting in a high degree.

Sunday evening N. R. Luce, of Union City, Pennsylvania, preached to a large and appreciative audience in the U. B. Church.

Monday evening the U. B. pulpit was occupied by Bishop Barnaby, to the edification and delight of his hearers.

Bishop Floyd on Tuesday evening, in the U. B. Church, delivered a sermon of much spiritual power, which was listened to with profound interest by a large audience.

Wednesday evening Bishop Becker preached to a crowded house a sermon of much eloquence and power.

Thursday evening memorial service was held for the late Dr. Lewis Davis. The meeting was presided over by Bishop Barnaby. Addresses were delivered by Bishops Dillon and Wright, and Dr. C. H. Kiracofe.

Bishop Dillon preached a sermon Friday evening on the subject of the Holy Ghost, which was practical and much appreciated by the audience.

Saturday evening Bishop Wright presented Jesus to the people in a manner most earnest, which, indeed, was such as to enlist the deepest sympathies of his hearers, and produced profound convictions of the superiority of Jesus over all other teachers.

Sabbath morning Bishop Becker preached a sermon in the U. B. Church which will not soon be forgotten, owing to the deep impression made on the minds of his hearers.

B. G. Huber, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, preached in the Methodist Church Sabbath morning, and Z. McNew, of Dublin, Indiana,

in the same church in the evening.

P. Beck, of California, occupied the pulpit in the U. B. Church Sabbath evening.

Thus closed a most successful and harmonious quadrennial gathering, and all go out to the toils and conflicts of the field. May the Lord bless the labors of each one, crowning with glorious success the efforts made, and may all come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

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